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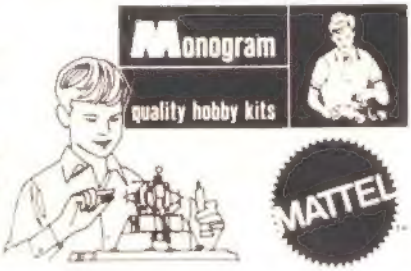

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SUPERMAN
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I HATE TO SMASH THESE STATUES OF MY FRIENDS, BUT THEY WERE IN MY WAY!
NOTHING MUST KEEP ME FROM ESCAPING THAT DEVICE I PROGRAMED! THE INSTANT IT CATCHES ME...I'M DEAD!
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WHAT WEAPON IS MOST DEADLY TO SUPERMAN? IS IT KRYPTONITE? NO, HE HAS ESCAPED THE MOST INGENIOUS K-TRAPS! HOW ABOUT MAGIC? THE MAN OF STEEL HAS THWARTED THE MOST CLEVER SORCERERS! THEN WHAT CAN STOP THE ACTION ACE IF HE EVER TURNS EVIL? ONLY **SUPERMAN** COULD MAKE A PERFECT DEVICE TO DESTROY HIMSELF! BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT IS RELEASED PREMATURELY? FOR THE ANSWER, READ...

The SELF-DESTRUCT SUPERMAN

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ALL IS QUIET IN THE WHITE HOUSE, IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WHEN SUDDENLY...
GREAT GUNS! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
SEEMS TO BE A SLIGHT EARTH TREMOR!
MINUTES LATER, AS SUPERMAN MAKES A REGULAR PATROL, HIS SUPER-HEARING PICKS UP A RADIO BULLETIN...
FLASH! AN EARTHQUAKE HAS BEEN REPORTED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.!
TROUBLE IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL! I'D BETTER FLY THERE AND SEE IF I CAN HELP!
BUT WHEN THE MAN OF STEEL REACHES THE WHITE HOUSE...
I HEARD THERE WAS AN EARTHQUAKE, MR. PRESIDENT...
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, SUPERMAN! JUST A SLIGHT TREMOR! NOTHING LIKE THE BIG QUAKES THEY HAVE OUT ON THE WEST COAST! THERE WAS NO DAMAGE! ALL'S WELL!
IS IT? FAR BELOW THE EXECUTIVE MANSION, THE ROCK SLIPPAGE HAS UNCOVERED A MYSTERIOUS, GLOWING MINERAL ...ONE THAT WILL MEAN DANGER TO SUPERMAN...
THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE WHITE HOUSE...
BUT HOW DID IT HAPPEN? ONLY I AM SUPPOSED TO ACTIVATE THE SEM! THE MECHANISM IS FAIL-SAFE!
A FREAK RADIATION LEAK CAUSED THE MALFUNCTION, MR. PRESIDENT! WE DON'T KNOW ANY DETAILS YET--JUST THAT THE SEM IS NOW AT LARGE!
INITIATE A TOP-PRIORITY SUMMONS TO SUPERMAN THROUGH ALL CHANNELS! HE MUST BE WARNED!
TELL HIM TO FLEE...AT ONCE! MAYBE HE'LL BE ABLE TO AVOID THE SEM... AND ESCAPE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
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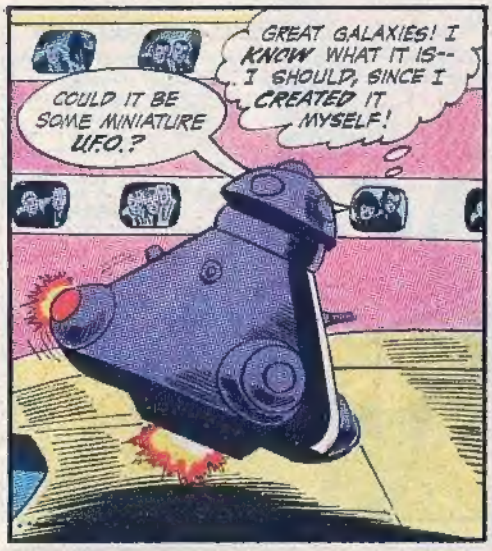
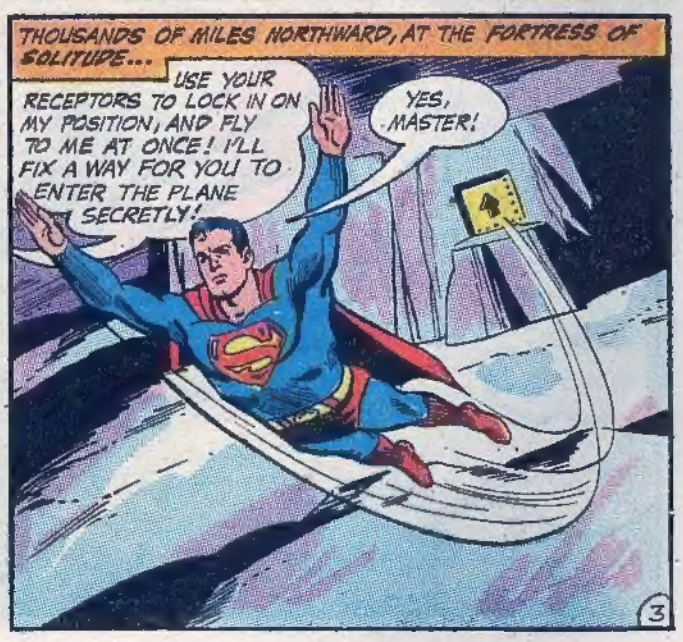
AT THAT MOMENT, THE WORLD'S LARGET JETLINER, THE PANOR 949, STREAKS ACROSS THE CONTINENT ON ITS MAIDEN FLIGHT...
I WISH ALL OUR ASSIGNMENTS WERE THIS LUXURIOUS, CLARK!
ME TOO, LOIS! I GUESS THE AIRLINE FIGURED A PASSENGER LIST FILLED WITH REPORTERS WOULD GET THEM THE MOST PUBLICITY!

YES, THE SPEAKERS ARE CLARK KENT AND LOIS LANE...
EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS PLANE IS IMPRESSIVE! AND...
CLARK! WHAT'S THAT... THING... OUT THERE ON THE WING?


GREAT GALAXIES! I KNOW WHAT IT IS-- I SHOULD, SINCE I CREATED IT MYSELF!
COULD IT BE SOME MINIATURE U.F.O.?

VERY FUNNY, LOIS! I...ER...FIGURED I MIGHT GET A BETTER VIEW OF THE THING FROM THE MEN'S LOUNGE!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING-- OUT FOR A WALK?

REPORTER CLARK KENT HAS TO STRUGGLE TO KEEP HIS COOL--EVEN THOUGH HE IS SECRETLY THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN...
I MUST STAY CALM! FIRST, I'LL GET OUT OF THESE CIVILIAN DUDS! THEN I'LL SUMMON ONE OF MY ROBOTS VIA SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM!


THOUSANDS OF MILES NORTHWARD, AT THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
USE YOUR RECEPTORS TO LOCK IN ON MY POSITION, AND FLY TO ME AT ONCE! I'LL FIX A WAY FOR YOU TO ENTER THE PLANE SECRETLY!
YES, MASTER!
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MY HEAT VISION SLICED OUT A PERFECT OPENING IN THE HULL...BUT IT'LL TAKE A STEADY STREAM OF SUPER-BREATH TO KEEP THE CABIN FROM DEPRESSURIZING!
JUST TWO SECONDS LATER, THE ROBOT HAS ARRIVED AND DONS CLARK'S CLOTHES...
GO UP FRONT AND JOIN LOIS! TELL HER NOTHING ABOUT THE OBJECT ON THE WING!
I UNDERSTAND, MASTER!
SO THERE YOU ARE! WHILE YOU WERE GONE, THE THING TURNED THIS WAY, CLARK!
MEANWHILE, THE ACTION ACE MAKES AN ASTOUNDING EXIT...
THE SEM WOULD INTERCEPT ME IF I TRIED TO FLY OUT OF THE PLANE!
SO I'LL FADE AWAY-- BY ACCELERATING MYSELF THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER!
TRAVELING AT ULTRA-LIGHT SPEED, SUPERMAN SPEEDS BACKWARD THROUGH THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM, UNTIL...
HERE'S MY DESTINATION--THE WHITE HOUSE AS IT WAS THIS MORNING! I'VE MOVED ABOUT SIX HOURS INTO THE PAST...WHICH SHOULD BE THE RIGHT TIME, ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS!
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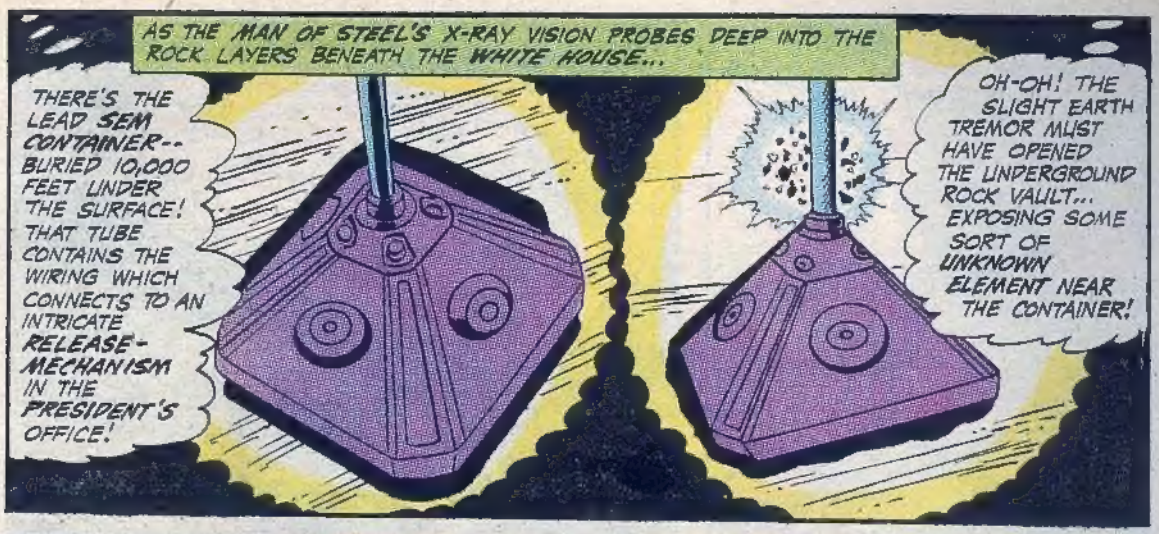
AS THE MAN OF STEEL'S X-RAY VISION PROBES DEEP INTO THE ROCK LAYERS BENEATH THE WHITE HOUSE...
THERE'S THE LEAD SEM CONTAINER--BURIED 10,000 FEET UNDER THE SURFACE! THAT TUBE CONTAINS THE WIRING WHICH CONNECTS TO AN INTRICATE RELEASE-MECHANISM IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE!
OH-OH! THE SLIGHT EARTH TREMOR MUST HAVE OPENED THE UNDERGROUND ROCK VAULT... EXPOSING SOME SORT OF UNKNOWN ELEMENT NEAR THE CONTAINER!

SO THAT'S IT! THE FREAK RADIATION FROM THOSE CRYSTALS CAUSED A SHORT IN THE WIRING--AND SET OFF THE RELEASE-MECHANISM!
NOW I KNOW HOW THE SEM GOT LOOSE! BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT!

AND SIX HOURS LATER, 10,000 FEET ABOVE THE SURFACE...
THAT'S FUNNY--THE THING DARTED UP TO THE WINDOW LIKE IT WAS GOING TO ATTACK! BUT NOW IT'S JUST STARING AT US!
AT ME! THE SEM'S SCANNERS HAVE DETERMINED I'M NOT THE REAL SUPERMAN, BUT A ROBOT! NOW IT WILL GO HUNTING FOR MY MASTER AGAIN!

MAYBE SUPERMAN WOULD KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF THAT CONTRAPTION!
COULD BE, LOIS!
JUST WHAT IS THIS STRANGE MACHINE--WHICH THE MAN OF STEEL HIMSELF CREATED?! AND WHY IS EVEN THE PRESIDENT CONVINCED SUPERMAN MUST AVOID IT AT ALL COSTS?

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT, FOR A DYNAMIC FIGURE IS EMERGING FROM THE PAST...
I WISH I COULD JUST STAY IN ANOTHER TIME-ERA AND FORGET THE SEM EVEN EXISTS! BUT I REFUSE TO LET ANYTHING SCARE ME OFF! I'VE NEVER TURNED CHICKEN IN THE PAST AND I WON'T DO IT NOW!

BUT BEFORE SUPERMAN CAN THINK ANOTHER THOUGHT...
GREAT KRYPTON! I MADE THE SEM TOO PERFECT! IT'S ALREADY ZEROED IN ON MY LOCATION... YET I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE A FEW MOMENTS!

AND EVEN THOUGH THE ACTION ACE ACCELERATES HIS SUPER-SPEED...
NO USE! SOMEHOW, I MUST HAVE MADE SURE THE THING WOULD ALWAYS HOME IN ON ME! IF ONLY I COULD REMEMBER HOW IT WORKS...!
WHAT'S THIS? SUPERMAN DOESN'T KNOW THE MECHANICS OF SOMETHING HE DESIGNED HIMSELF?

AGAIN, THE SAFETY OF THE TIME-BARRIER SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY HOPE, BUT...
:ULP!: THERE'S NO CLARK KENT ROBOT TO DECOY THE SEM THIS TIME--SO IT'S STILL CHASING ME... EVEN AS I FLEE INTO THE PAST!
MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO FIND SOME COLOSSAL DISTRACTION IN ANOTHER TIME-ERA!

MERE HEARTBEATS LATER, SUPERMAN IS ZOOMING TOWARD A FAMOUS VOLCANO...
TODAY IS AUGUST 27TH, 1883! IN A FEW SECONDS THE TIME WILL BE 10:02--THE EXACT INSTANT OF THE MOST TITANIC VOLCANIC EXPLOSION EVER RECORDED!

THE SHOCK-WAVE FROM THIS ERUPTION OF KRAKATOA CIRCLED THE GLOBE SEVEN TIMES..* YET IT ISN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH TO SHAKE THE SEM!
HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING WITH MORE PUNCH!
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* KRAKATOA ACTUALLY EXPLODED FOUR TIMES ON THIS DAY! SUPERMAN NATURALLY PICKED THE GREATEST ERUPTION...ED.

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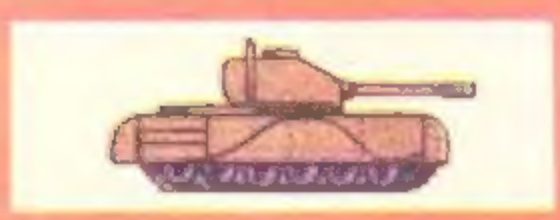

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MUCH, MUCH FURTHER INTO THE PAST STREAKS THE MAN OF STEEL, UNTIL...
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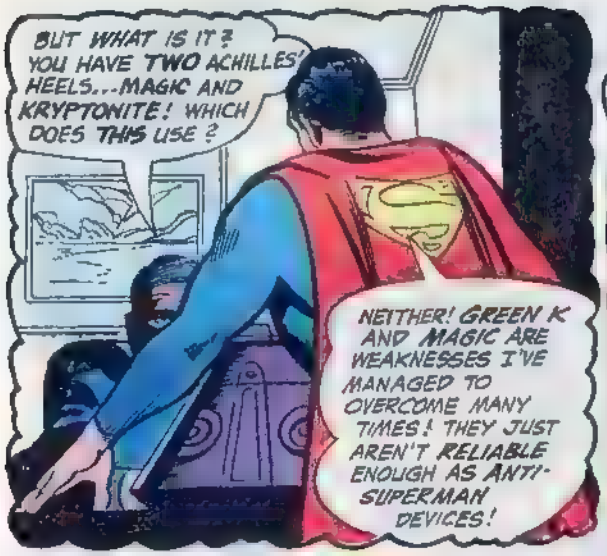
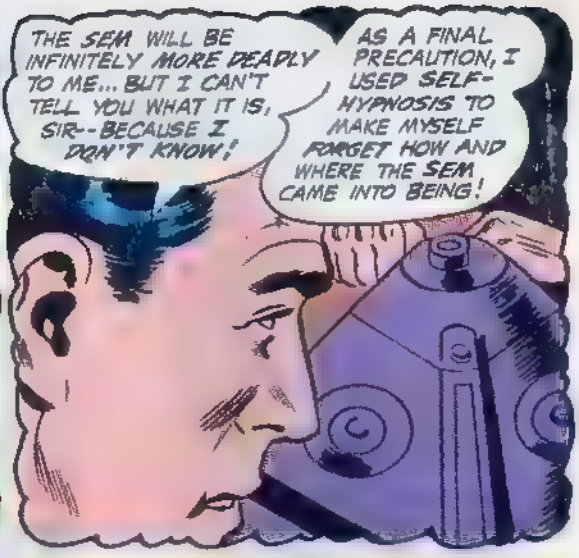
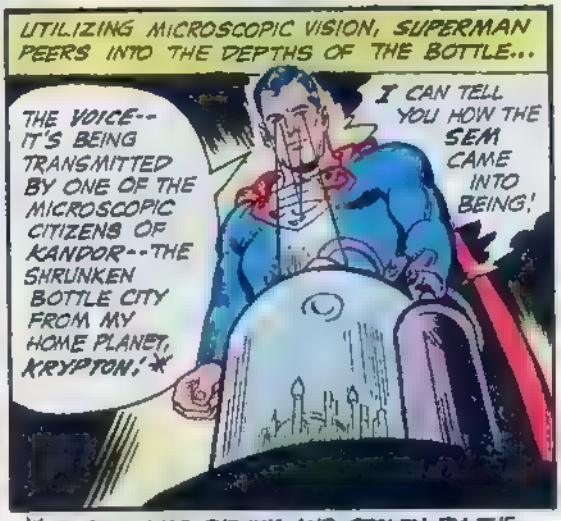
WITH A BURST OF SPEED, SUPERMAN RACES DOWN AHEAD OF THE GIGANTIC FALLING MASS--AND WAITS FOR IT...
THE METEORITE WILL HIT IN 4/5 OF A SECOND--RIGHT HERE! MY TIMING HAS TO BE EXACT NOW!
IT'S OBVIOUS BY NOW THAT THE SEM IS INVULNERABLE, LIKE ME, AND CANNOT BE HARMED! BUT IT SHOULD TAKE TIME FOR IT TO FREE ITSELF FROM MILLIONS OF TONS OF SOLID ROCK!
IN THE MEANTIME, I MUST COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF STRATEGY!
THEN, BACK IN 1970, A GRIM SUPERMAN BROODS IN HIS ARCTIC FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
WHEN I FIRST CONCEIVED THE SEM--THE SUPERMAN ELIMINATION MACHINE--IT WAS INTENDED AS A LAST-RESORT SAFETY DEVICE TO PROTECT EARTH FROM ME IF I EVER WENT ON A RAMPAGE!
"I REMEMBER THE DAY I INSTALLED THE MACHINE AT THE WHITE HOUSE..."
YOU HAVE THE SEM YOU BRIEFED ME ABOUT, SUPERMAN?
YES, MR. PRESIDENT! IF I SHOULD EVER GO MAD... RUN AMUCK AND ENDANGER THE EARTH... YOU ALONE WILL BE ABLE TO DESTROY ME WITH THIS!

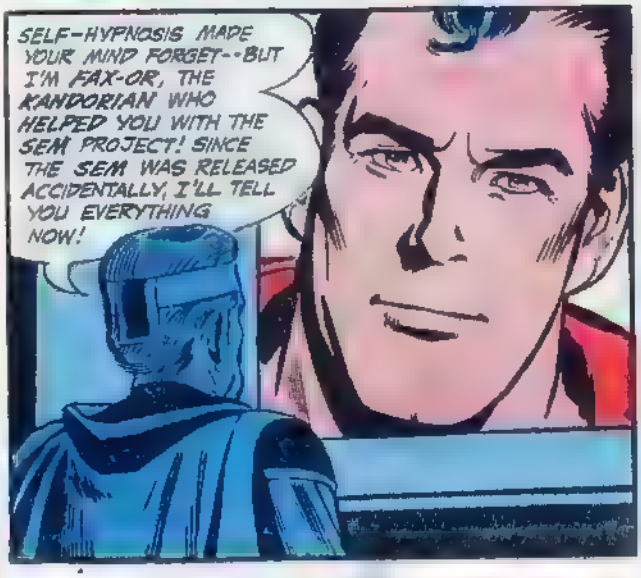

BUT WHAT IS IT? YOU HAVE TWO ACHILLES' HEELS...MAGIC AND KRYPTONITE! WHICH DOES THIS USE?
NEITHER! GREEN K AND MAGIC ARE WEAKNESSES I'VE MANAGED TO OVERCOME MANY TIMES! THEY JUST AREN'T RELIABLE ENOUGH AS ANTI-SUPERMAN DEVICES!

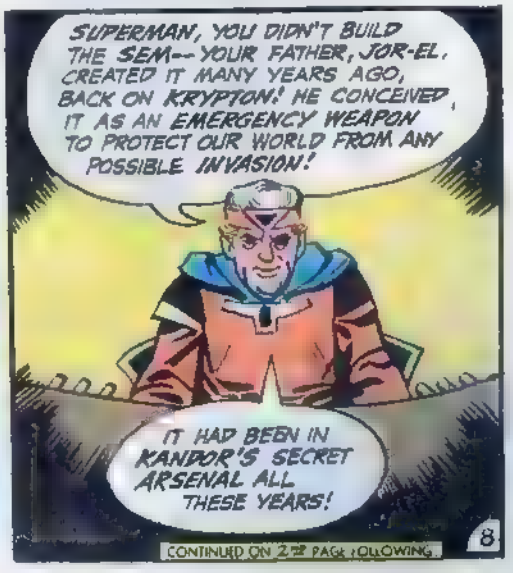

THE SEM WILL BE INFINITELY MORE DEADLY TO ME... BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT IT IS, SIR--BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW!
AS A FINAL PRECAUTION, I USED SELF-HYPNOSIS TO MAKE MYSELF FORGET HOW AND WHERE THE SEM CAME INTO BEING!

NOW MY OWN CLEVERNESS IS WORKING AGAINST ME... AND ALL I KNOW IS, I HAVE A COMPULSIVE FEAR OF THE SEM! BUT WITHOUT AN INKLING OF ITS NATURE, OR ORIGIN, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO...
CALLING SUPERMAN... THIS IS A DOUBLE-RED ALERT...


UTILIZING MICROSCOPIC VISION, SUPERMAN PEERS INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE BOTTLE...
THE VOICE--IT'S BEING TRANSMITTED BY ONE OF THE MICROSCOPIC CITIZENS OF KANDOR--THE SHRUNKEN BOTTLE CITY FROM MY HOME PLANET, KRYPTON!*
I CAN TELL YOU HOW THE SEM CAME INTO BEING!

*KANDOR WAS SHRUNK AND STOLEN BY THE VILLAINOUS BRAINIAC BEFORE KRYPTON EXPLODED. SUPERMAN LATER TOOK IT FROM THE SPACE CRIMINAL.-ED.


SELF-HYPNOSIS MADE YOUR MIND FORGET--BUT I'M FAX-OR, THE KANDORIAN WHO HELPED YOU WITH THE SEM PROJECT! SINCE THE SEM WAS RELEASED ACCIDENTALLY, I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING NOW!


SUPERMAN, YOU DIDN'T BUILD THE SEM--YOUR FATHER, JOR-EL, CREATED IT MANY YEARS AGO, BACK ON KRYPTON! HE CONCEIVED IT AS AN EMERGENCY WEAPON TO PROTECT OUR WORLD FROM ANY POSSIBLE INVASION!
IT HAD BEEN IN KANDOR'S SECRET ARSENAL ALL THESE YEARS!

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OF COURSE! NO WONDER THE SEM IS INDESTRUCTIBLE... ABLE TO FOLLOW ME THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER... NO MATTER HOW FAST I GO! SINCE IT CAME FROM KRYPTON, IT'S SUPER, LIKE ME!
EXACTLY, SUPERMAN!
"YOU CAME TO KANDOR AND I SHOWED YOU JOR-EL'S CREATION... BUT YOU ERASED ALL THAT FROM YOUR MEMORY..."
AND YOUR FATHER'S WEAPON HAS BEEN...
I--I DON'T KNOW! SOMETHING ABOUT THAT MACHINE, TERRIFIES ME! I CAN'T EVEN BEAR TO LOOK AT IT!
SUPERMAN-- YOU'RE CRINGING WITH FEAR! WHAT IS IT?!
YES... IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO ME NOW!
YOU HAD ME DESIGN AND INSTALL A HOMING UNIT THAT WAS ATTUNED TO THE EXACT PATERN OF YOUR BRAIN-WAVES! THAT'S WHY THE SEM CAN TRACE YOU WHEREVER YOU GO!
BUT, FAX-OR, WHAT SORT OF WEAPON IS IT? HOW DOES IT STRIKE? AND CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY I'M SO TERRIFIED BY IT?
NO TIME TO ANSWER, SUPERMAN! MY DETECTORS INDICATE YOU HAVE COMPANY!
KRAASSHHH
THE THING'S TRACED ME HERE... IT MUST HAVE FREED ITSELF FROM THE METEOR SOONER THAN I THOUGHT! I MUST HIDE KANDOR IN A SAFE PLACE BEFORE THE BATTLE BEGINS! IF ONLY I DIDN'T FEEL SUCH FEAR!
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I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO TELL SUPERMAN THE TRUTH ABOUT JOR-EL'S WEAPON! HE'LL HAVE TO FIGURE IT OUT FOR HIMSELF!
NOW THAT KANDOR IS PROTECTED... I'LL FIGHT IT OUT WITH THE SEM RIGHT HERE IN THE FORTRESS! I COULD FLEE TO ANOTHER GALAXY... ANOTHER DIMENSION... BUT THE THING WOULD BE AT MY HEELS!
COLD FRIGHT NUMBS THE MAN OF STEEL'S BODY AS HE TRIES TO FIGHT BACK HIS COMPULSION TO RUN AWAY...
NO GOOD! I CAN'T JUST STAND HERE AND WAIT FOR IT TO GET ME! I HAVE TO KEEP MOVING... UNTIL I'M STOPPED!
TERROR-STRICKEN, SUPERMAN LEADS THE SEM ON A FRENZIED CHASE THROUGH THE FORTRESS CHAMBERS...
ANY SECOND NOW, THE SEM WILL LET LOOSE WITH ITS DESTRUCTIVE FORCE... WHATEVER IT IS! AND SINCE THE WEAPON IS KRYPTONIAN, LIKE ME, I'LL BE KILLED IF IT MAKES CONTACT!
WHAT'S IT WAITING FOR?
WHY DOESN'T THE THING UNLEASH ITS POWER ON ME?
:PUFF:
HOW LONG CAN IT JUST KEEP CHASING... CHASING... CHASING?

AGONIZING MINUTES TICK BY, AND SUPERMAN'S ENDURANCE IS PUSHED TO THE LIMIT...
:UHH: MY HEART IS BEATING FASTER THAN I THOUGHT POSSIBLE... :PUFF: MY BREATHING IS SO HEAVY I CAN BARELY TAKE IN AIR :COUGH: MY HEAD IS SPINNING... MUCH MORE OF THIS AND I'LL HAVE A SUPER HEART-ATTACK!
WAIT! I'M INVULNERABLE! I SHOULDN'T TIRE...OR SWEAT! MY OWN FEAR IS DOING THIS...
THE SEM DIDN'T USE A WEAPON BECAUSE IT HAD NONE! MY COMPULSIVE TERROR OF THE THING WAS SLOWLY FRIGHTENING ME TO DEATH! MY INVULNERABILITY WAS GIVING WAY TO THE POWER OF SUGGESTION!
CHARGED WITH NEW HOPE, SUPERMAN USES HIS WITS TO IMPROVISE A DIFFERENT STRATEGY...
MY BRAIN-WAVES! THAT'S WHAT FAX-OR SAID THE SEM HOMES IN ON! MAYBE ONE OF MY SPACE-TROPHIES-- THIS RELAXER HOOD FROM THE PLANET MORZ-- WILL SAVE THE DAY!
EACH MORZIAN USES A HOOD LIKE THIS TO RENDER HIS MIND A COMPLETE BLANK...TEMPORARILY NULLIFYING ALL THOUGHT WHILE HE SLEEPS!
FOR THEM, IT WAS RELAXATION! FOR ME IT'S DESPERATION! IF THIS STUNT DOESN'T WORK, MY FEAR MAY DESTROY ME YET!
WITH THE UNIQUE HOOD IN PLACE, THE MINDLESS MAN OF MIGHT BLANKLY STARES INTO THE AIR... AND NO LONGER ABLE TO THINK-- HE IS TOTALLY UNAWARE THAT THE SEM EVEN EXISTS...
A VIOLENT REACTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS...
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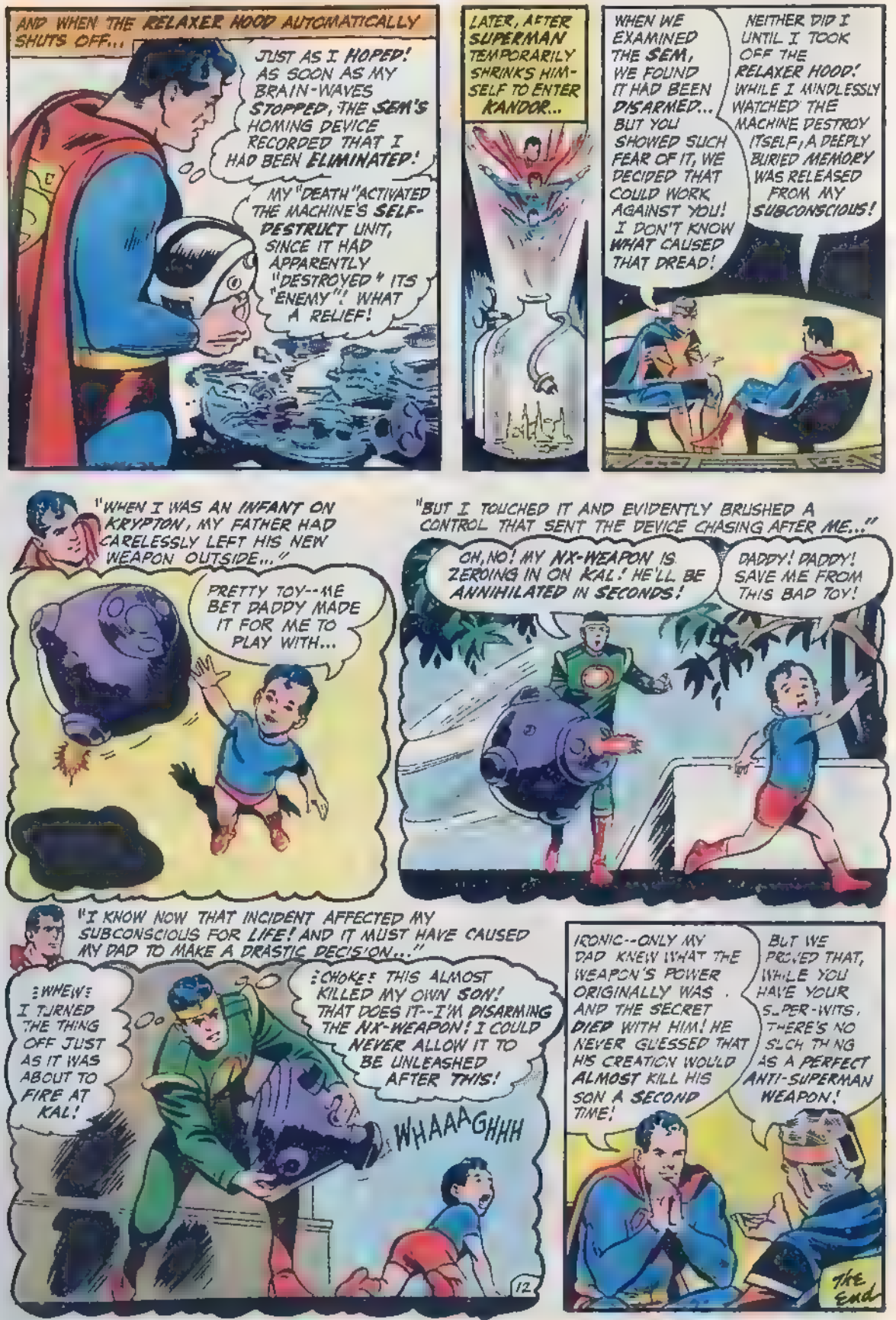
AND WHEN THE RELAXER HOOD AUTOMATICALLY SHUTS OFF...
JUST AS I HOPED! AS SOON AS MY BRAIN-WAVES STOPPED, THE SEM'S HOMING DEVICE RECORDED THAT I HAD BEEN ELIMINATED!
MY "DEATH" ACTIVATED THE MACHINE'S SELF-DESTRUCT UNIT, SINCE IT HAD APPARENTLY "DESTROYED" ITS "ENEMY"! WHAT A RELIEF!
LATER, AFTER SUPERMAN TEMPORARILY SHRINKS HIMSELF TO ENTER KANDOR...
WHEN WE EXAMINED THE SEM, WE FOUND IT HAD BEEN DISARMED... BUT YOU SHOWED SUCH FEAR OF IT, WE DECIDED THAT COULD WORK AGAINST YOU! I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSED THAT DREAD!
NEITHER DID I UNTIL I TOOK OFF THE RELAXER HOOD! WHILE I MINDLESSLY WATCHED THE MACHINE DESTROY ITSELF, A DEEPLY BURIED MEMORY WAS RELEASED FROM MY SUBCONSCIOUS!
"WHEN I WAS AN INFANT ON KRYPTON, MY FATHER HAD CARELESSLY LEFT HIS NEW WEAPON OUTSIDE..."
PRETTY TOY--ME BET DADDY MADE IT FOR ME TO PLAY WITH...
"BUT I TOUCHED IT AND EVIDENTLY BRUSHED A CONTROL THAT SENT THE DEVICE CHASING AFTER ME..."
OH, NO! MY NX-WEAPON IS ZEROING IN ON KAL! HE'LL BE ANNIHILATED IN SECONDS!
DADDY! DADDY! SAVE ME FROM THIS BAD TOY!
"I KNOW NOW THAT INCIDENT AFFECTED MY SUBCONSCIOUS FOR LIFE! AND IT MUST HAVE CAUSED MY DAD TO MAKE A DRASTIC DECISION..."
:WHEW! I TURNED THE THING OFF JUST AS IT WAS ABOUT TO FIRE AT KAL!
:CHOKE! THIS ALMOST KILLED MY OWN SON! THAT DOES IT--I'M DISARMING THE NX-WEAPON! I COULD NEVER ALLOW IT TO BE UNLEASHED AFTER THIS!
WHAAAGHHH
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IRONIC--ONLY MY DAD KNEW WHAT THE WEAPON'S POWER ORIGINALLY WAS . AND THE SECRET DIED WITH HIM! HE NEVER GUESSED THAT HIS CREATION WOULD ALMOST KILL HIS SON A SECOND TIME!
BUT WE PROVED THAT, WHILE YOU HAVE YOUR S-PER-WITS, THERE'S NO SUCH TH NG AS A PERFECT ANTI-SUPERMAN WEAPON!
THE END

TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

WHEN A JOB COMES UP THAT MUST BE DONE SECRETLY, BUT EFFICIENTLY..A TASK THAT ONLY THE GREATEST TROUBLE-SHOOTING FORCE WOULD DARE TO TACKLE...IT'S HANDED TO THE *LEGION'S ESPIONAGE SQUAD!* THIS TIME, THE *E.S.* IS POISED BETWEEN TWO MEN...HATED FOES, LOCKED IN COMBAT... AND THE HEROES MUST SEE THAT *BOTH* LOSE...

"THE TYRANT AND THE TRAITOR!"

TIME: THE 30TH CENTURY; PLACE: A PROJECTION ROOM AT *UNITED PLANETS* HEADQUARTERS...

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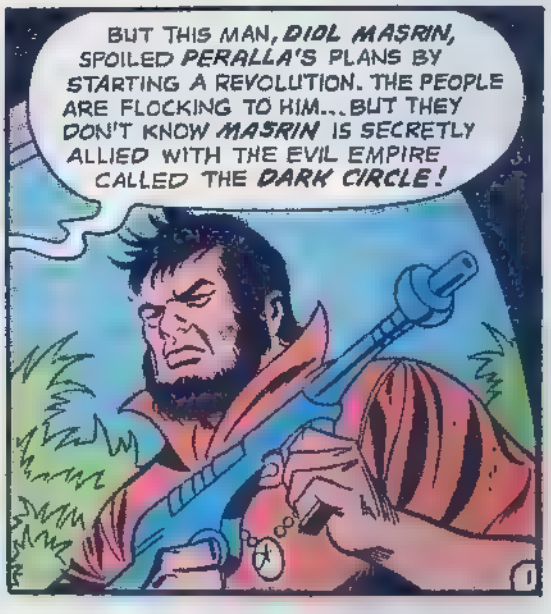
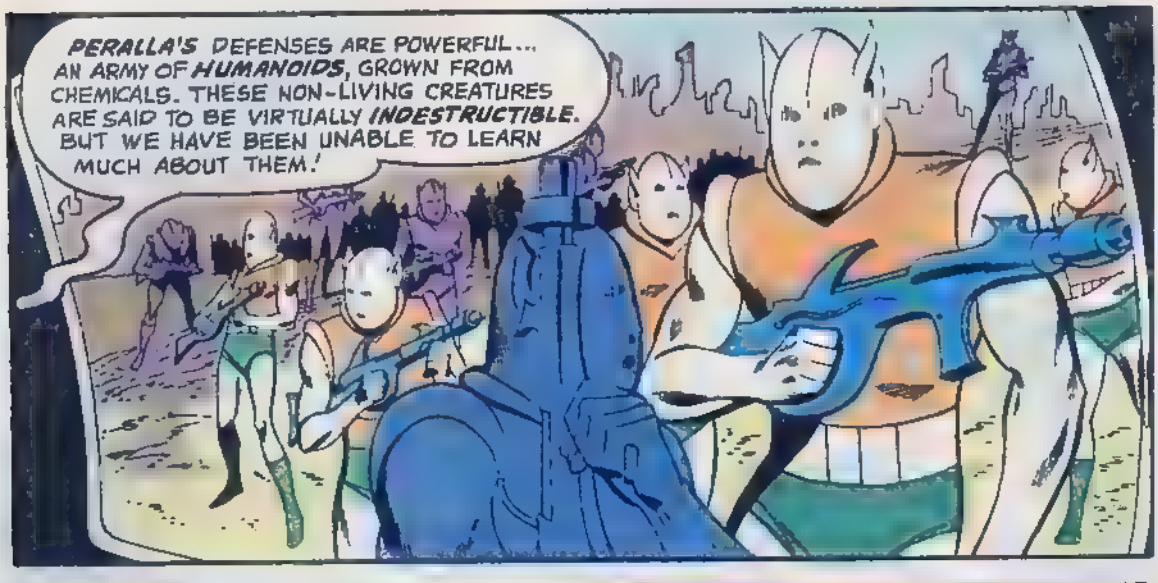
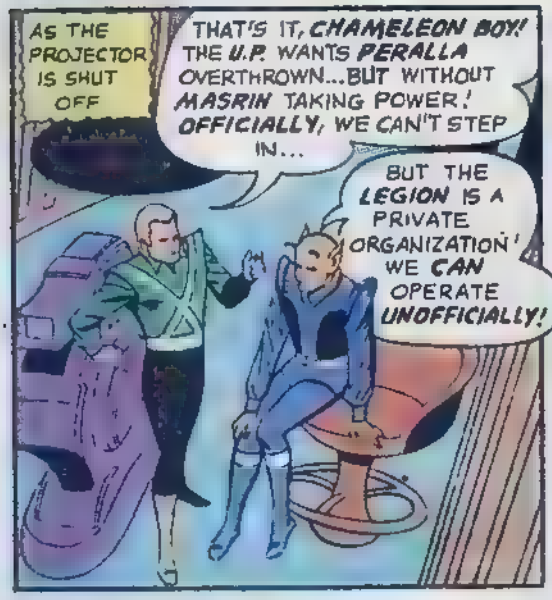
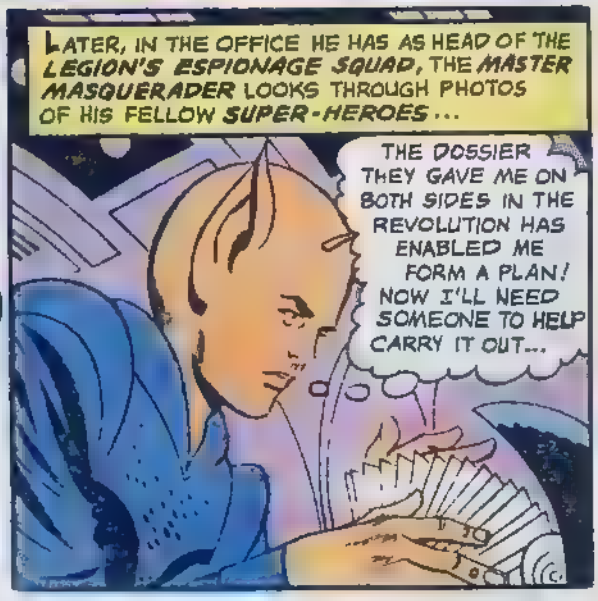
THIS IS *PRESIDENT PERALLA*, OF THE PLANET *LAHUM*. HAVING TAKEN OVER THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS WORLD, HE PLANNED TO LAUNCH WARS OF CONQUEST AGAINST OTHER PLANETS.

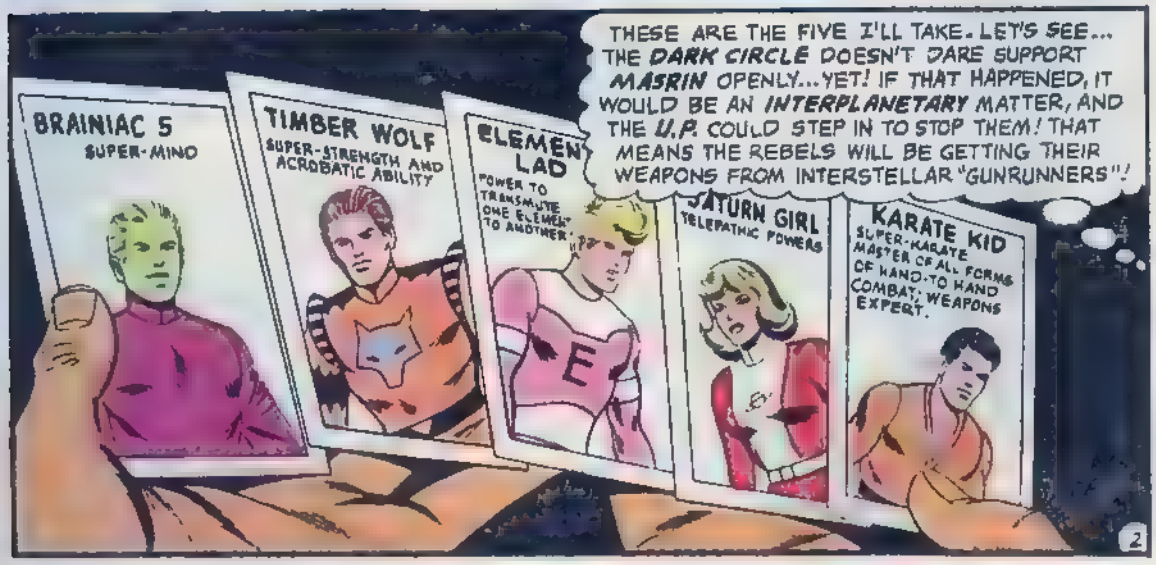
BUT THIS MAN, *DIOL MASRIN*, SPOILED *PERALLA'S* PLANS BY STARTING A REVOLUTION. THE PEOPLE ARE FLOCKING TO HIM...BUT THEY DON'T KNOW *MASRIN* IS SECRETLY ALLIED WITH THE EVIL EMPIRE CALLED THE *DARK CIRCLE!*




PERALLA'S DEFENSES ARE POWERFUL... AN ARMY OF HUMANOIDS, GROWN FROM CHEMICALS. THESE NON-LIVING CREATURES ARE SAID TO BE VIRTUALLY INDESTRUCTIBLE. BUT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LEARN MUCH ABOUT THEM!


AS THE PROJECTOR IS SHUT OFF
THAT'S IT, CHAMELEON BOY! THE U.P. WANTS PERALLA OVERTHROWN...BUT WITHOUT MASRIN TAKING POWER! OFFICIALLY, WE CAN'T STEP IN...
BUT THE LEGION IS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION! WE CAN OPERATE UNOFFICIALLY!


LATER, IN THE OFFICE HE HAS AS HEAD OF THE LEGION'S ESPIONAGE SQUAD, THE MASTER MASQUERADER LOOKS THROUGH PHOTOS OF HIS FELLOW SUPER-HEROES...
THE DOSSIER THEY GAVE ME ON BOTH SIDES IN THE REVOLUTION HAS ENABLED ME FORM A PLAN! NOW I'LL NEED SOMEONE TO HELP CARRY IT OUT...


THESE ARE THE FIVE I'LL TAKE. LET'S SEE... THE DARK CIRCLE DOESN'T DARE SUPPORT MASRIN OPENLY...YET! IF THAT HAPPENED, IT WOULD BE AN INTERPLANETARY MATTER, AND THE U.P. COULD STEP IN TO STOP THEM! THAT MEANS THE REBELS WILL BE GETTING THEIR WEAPONS FROM INTERSTELLAR "GUNRUNNERS"!
BRAINIAC 5
SUPER-MIND
TIMBER WOLF
SUPER-STRENGTH AND ACROBATIC ABILITY
ELEMEN LAD
POWER TO TRANSMUTE ONE ELEMENT TO ANOTHER
SATURN GIRL
TELEPATHIC POWERS
KARATE KID
SUPER-KARATE MASTER OF ALL FORMS OF HAND-TO HAND COMBAT; WEAPONS EXPERT.

NOT LONG AFTER, A SHIP ROCKETS THROUGH SPACE TOWARD LAHUM, BEARING A CARGO OF CONTRABAND WEAPONS...
INSIDE THE CABIN...
WE'LL BE THERE IN FOUR HOURS! YOU HAVE THE LANDING SITE MAPPED, SO...
WAIT, CAP N. LOOK OUT THERE!
LEGION SHIPS... PAINTED BLACK TO BLEND IN WITH SPACE! THEY HAVE US SURROUNDED!
SOME OF 'EM ARE COMIN' THIS WAY IN SPACE-SUITS! STAND BY TO REPEL BOARDERS!
AS THE LEGIONNAIRES BURST IN FROM THE RENEGADE SHIP'S AIRLOCK...
YOU DON'T EXPECT TO STOP US WITH THOSE GUNS, DO YOU? RAY-BLASTERS OF THAT TYPE HAVE BEEN OBSOLETE FOR YEARS!
IT TAKES ONLY A SECOND FOR ME TO TURN THEM INTO HELIUM GAS!
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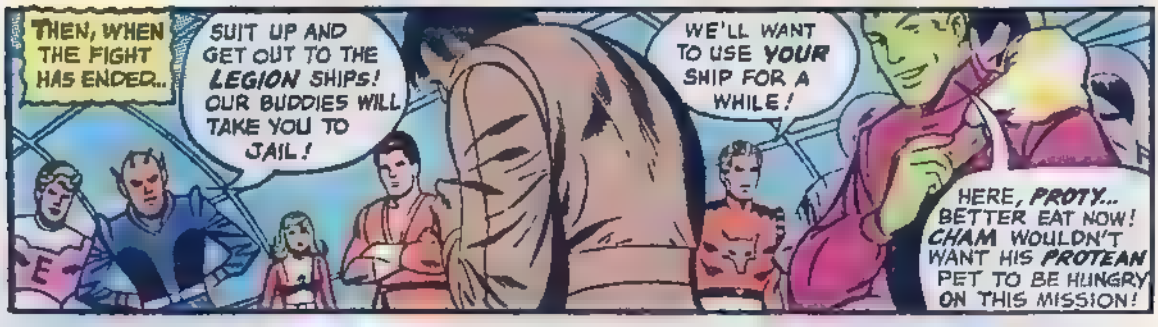
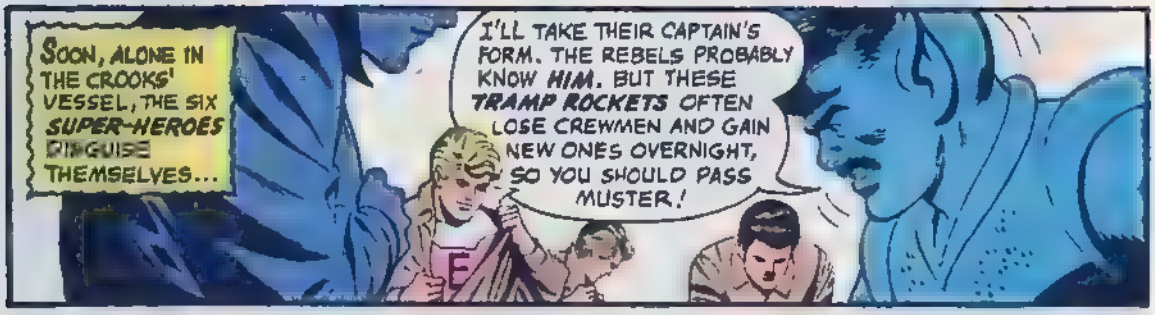
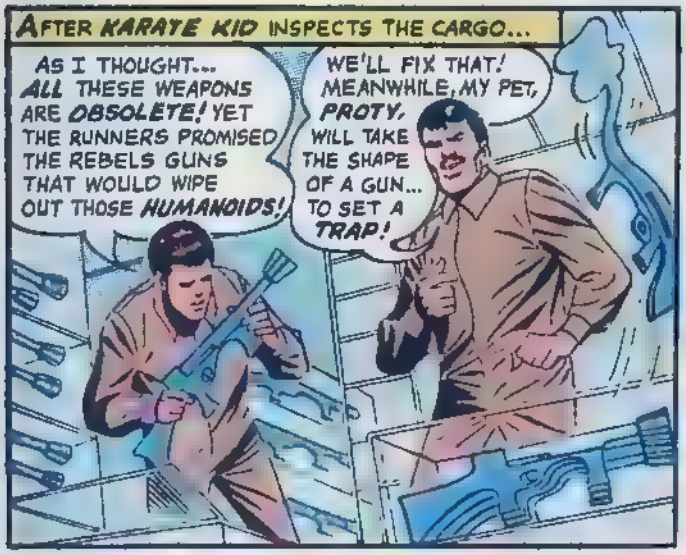
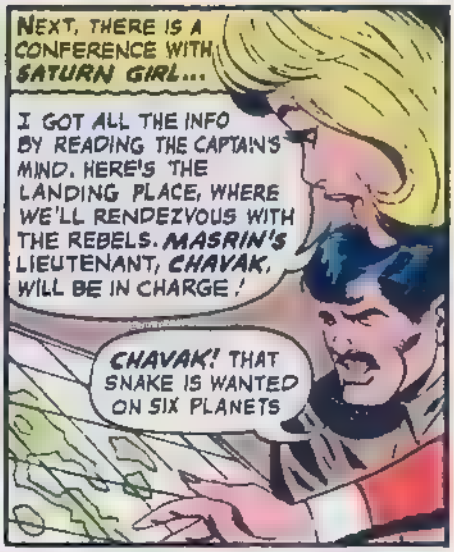
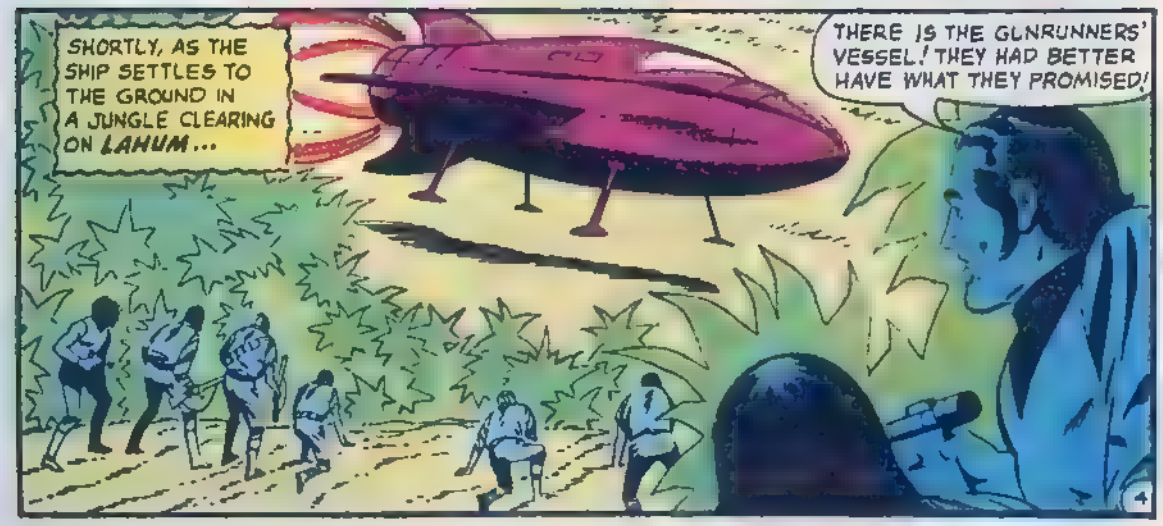

THEN, WHEN THE FIGHT HAS ENDED...
SUIT UP AND GET OUT TO THE LEGION SHIPS! OUR BUDDIES WILL TAKE YOU TO JAIL!
WE'LL WANT TO USE YOUR SHIP FOR A WHILE!
HERE, PROTY... BETTER EAT NOW! CHAM WOULDN'T WANT HIS PROTEAN PET TO BE HUNGRY ON THIS MISSION!

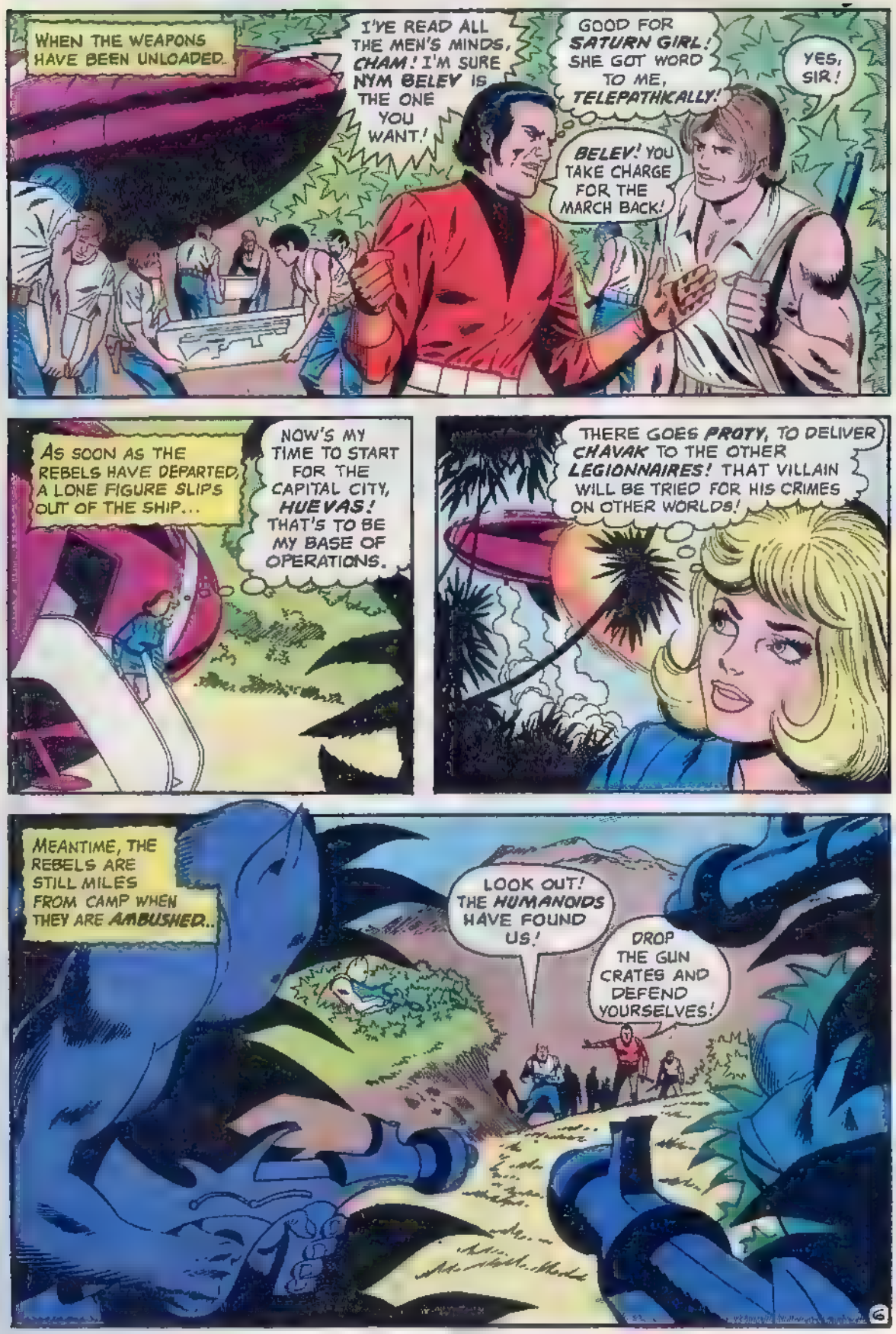

SOON, ALONE IN THE CROOKS' VESSEL, THE SIX SUPER-HEROES DISGUISE THEMSELVES...
I'LL TAKE THEIR CAPTAIN'S FORM. THE REBELS PROBABLY KNOW HIM. BUT THESE TRAMP ROCKETS OFTEN LOSE CREWMEN AND GAIN NEW ONES OVERNIGHT, SO YOU SHOULD PASS MUSTER!


AFTER KARATE KID INSPECTS THE CARGO...
AS I THOUGHT... ALL THESE WEAPONS ARE OBSOLETE! YET THE RUNNERS PROMISED THE REBELS GUNS THAT WOULD WIPE OUT THOSE HUMANOIDS!
WE'LL FIX THAT! MEANWHILE, MY PET, PROTY, WILL TAKE THE SHAPE OF A GUN... TO SET A TRAP!


NEXT, THERE IS A CONFERENCE WITH SATURN GIRL...
I GOT ALL THE INFO BY READING THE CAPTAIN'S MIND. HERE'S THE LANDING PLACE, WHERE WE'LL RENDEZVOUS WITH THE REBELS. MASRIN'S LIEUTENANT, CHAVAK, WILL BE IN CHARGE!
CHAVAK! THAT SNAKE IS WANTED ON SIX PLANETS


SHORTLY, AS THE SHIP SETTLES TO THE GROUND IN A JUNGLE CLEARING ON LAHUM...
THERE IS THE GUNRUNNERS' VESSEL! THEY HAD BETTER HAVE WHAT THEY PROMISED!

NOW... THE RENDEZVOUS.
HELLO, CHAVAK! WE HAVE THE GUNS YOU NEED!
YOU HAVE GUNS... THAT I BELIEVE! WHETHER THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH... I MUST SEE FOR MYSELF!
SO CHAVAK IS ESCORTED TO THE SHIP'S HOLD. BUT AS HE PICKS UP A GUN WHICH LIES ON TOP OF THE NEAREST BOX
HEY! HOW CAN A WEAPON GROW TENTACLES? WHAT... MMMPHH!
NICE GOING, PROTY! I WAS SURE THIS CREEP WOULD PICK UP THE FIRST GUN HE SAW! HOLD HIM!
QUICKLY, THE REBEL IS BOUND... THEN...
NOW, I'LL BE "CHAVAK," WHILE PROTY TAKES MY PLACE AS SHIP'S CAPTAIN!
AND TO INSURE A PERFECT IMPERSONATION, I'M READING CHAVAK'S MIND... CONSCIOUS AND SUBCONSCIOUS... AND TRANSMITTING ALL THE INFO TO YOUR BRAIN, CHAM!
MINUTES LATER...
THE GUNS ARE FINE. AND I EVEN FOUND SOME RECRUITS! THESE FELLOWS WANT TO JOIN US!
SURE... I KNOW I'M ALWAYS READY FOR A BIT OF ADVENTURE!


WHEN THE WEAPONS HAVE BEEN UNLOADED..
I'VE READ ALL THE MEN'S MINDS, CHAM! I'M SURE NYM BELEV IS THE ONE YOU WANT!
GOOD FOR SATURN GIRL! SHE GOT WORD TO ME, TELEPATHICALLY!
YES, SIR!
BELEV! YOU TAKE CHARGE FOR THE MARCH BACK!
AS SOON AS THE REBELS HAVE DEPARTED, A LONE FIGURE SLIPS OUT OF THE SHIP...
NOW'S MY TIME TO START FOR THE CAPITAL CITY, HUEVAS! THAT'S TO BE MY BASE OF OPERATIONS.
THERE GOES PROTY, TO DELIVER CHAVAK TO THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES! THAT VILLAIN WILL BE TRIED FOR HIS CRIMES ON OTHER WORLDS!
MEANTIME, THE REBELS ARE STILL MILES FROM CAMP WHEN THEY ARE AMBUSHED..
LOOK OUT! THE HUMANOIDS HAVE FOUND US!
DROP THE GUN CRATES AND DEFEND YOURSELVES!
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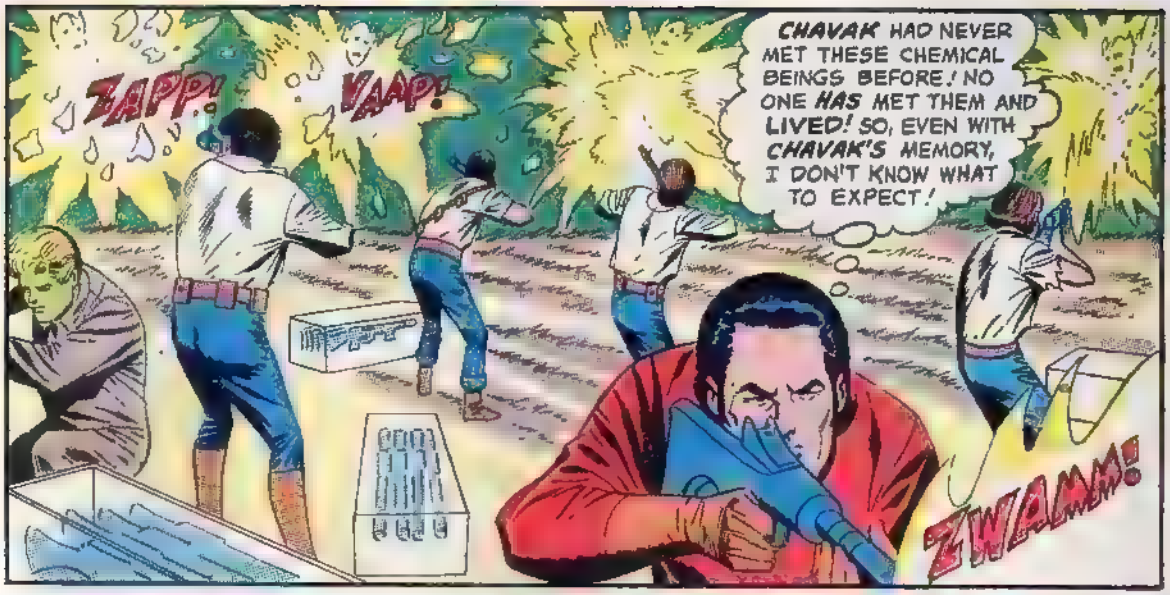
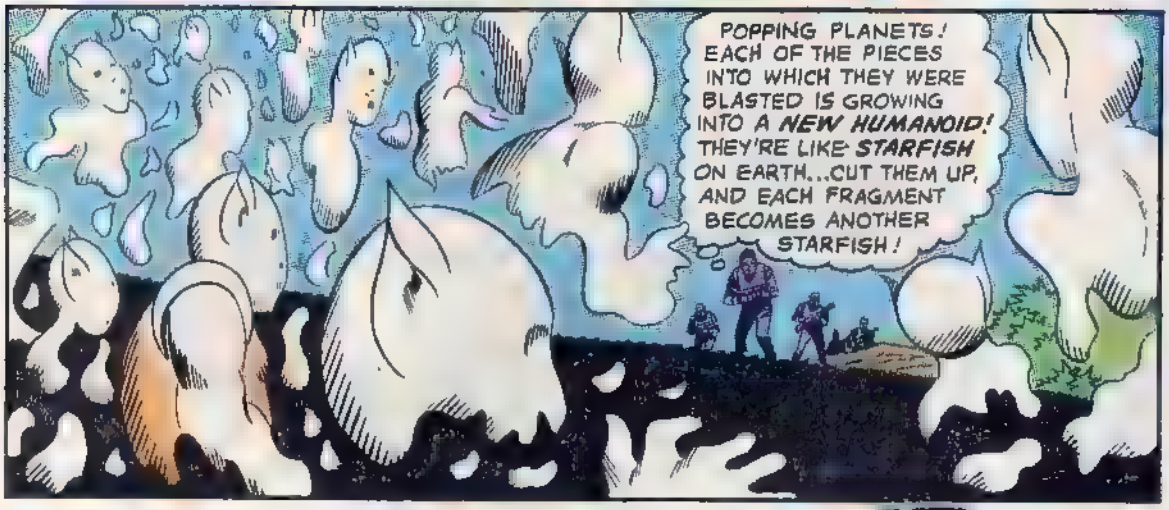
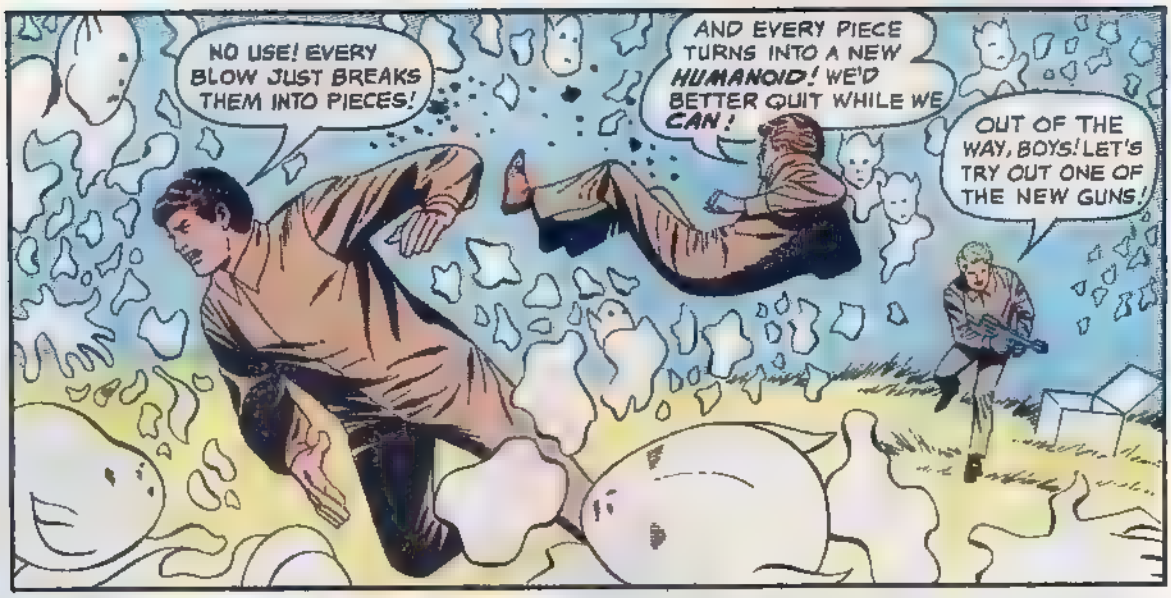
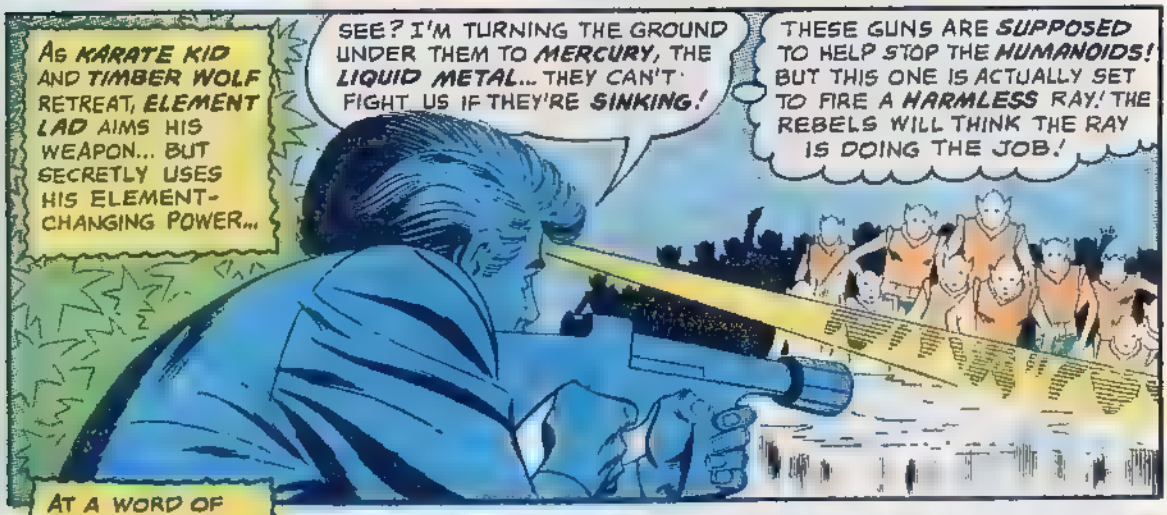

ZAPP!
VAAP!
CHAVAK HAD NEVER MET THESE CHEMICAL BEINGS BEFORE! NO ONE HAS MET THEM AND LIVED! SO, EVEN WITH CHAVAK'S MEMORY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT!
ZWAMM!

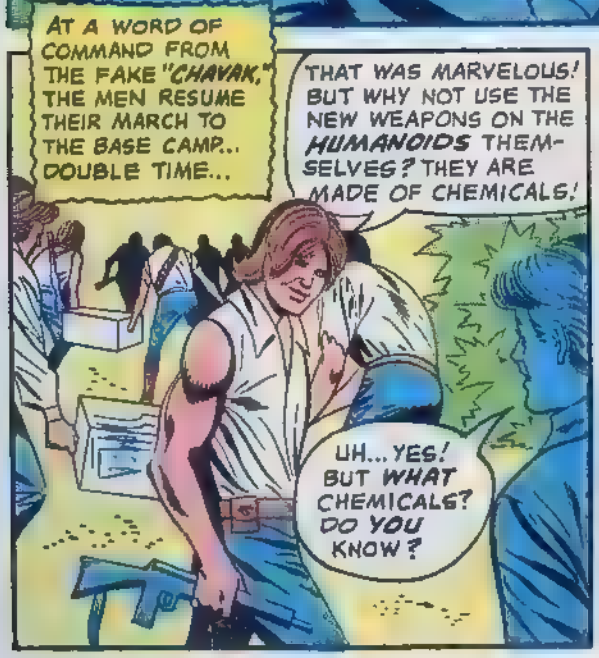

POPPING PLANETS! EACH OF THE PIECES INTO WHICH THEY WERE BLASTED IS GROWING INTO A NEW HUMANOID! THEY'RE LIKE STARFISH ON EARTH...CUT THEM UP, AND EACH FRAGMENT BECOMES ANOTHER STARFISH!

NO USE SHOOTING! THE MORE WE BLAST THEM, THE MORE OF THEM THERE ARE! TRY YOUR SPECIALTIES, BRIN AND VAL!*
WE HEAR YOU TALKING, CHAVAK!

*CHAMELEON BOY IS USING THE REAL NAMES OF TIMBER WOLF AND KARATE KID TO DISGUISE THE FACT THAT THEY'RE SUPER-HEROES.-Ed.


NO USE! EVERY BLOW JUST BREAKS THEM INTO PIECES!
AND EVERY PIECE TURNS INTO A NEW HUMANOID! WE'D BETTER QUIT WHILE WE CAN!
OUT OF THE WAY, BOYS! LET'S TRY OUT ONE OF THE NEW GUNS!


AS KARATE KID AND TIMBER WOLF RETREAT, ELEMENT LAD AIMS HIS WEAPON... BUT SECRETLY USES HIS ELEMENT-CHANGING POWER...
SEE? I'M TURNING THE GROUND UNDER THEM TO MERCURY, THE LIQUID METAL... THEY CAN'T FIGHT US IF THEY'RE SINKING!
THESE GUNS ARE SUPPOSED TO HELP STOP THE HUMANOIDS! BUT THIS ONE IS ACTUALLY SET TO FIRE A HARMLESS RAY! THE REBELS WILL THINK THE RAY IS DOING THE JOB!


AT A WORD OF COMMAND FROM THE FAKE "CHAVAK," THE MEN RESUME THEIR MARCH TO THE BASE CAMP... DOUBLE TIME...
THAT WAS MARVELOUS! BUT WHY NOT USE THE NEW WEAPONS ON THE HUMANOIDS THEMSELVES? THEY ARE MADE OF CHEMICALS!
UH... YES! BUT WHAT CHEMICALS? DO YOU KNOW?

NO...THAT IS A WELL-KEPT SECRET!
THEN LET'S HOPE WE FIND OUT SOON! UNLESS I...ER...WE KNOW WHAT ELEMENT THEY'RE MADE OF, WE CAN'T USE THOSE RIFLES TO CHANGE THEM...AND BEAT THEM!
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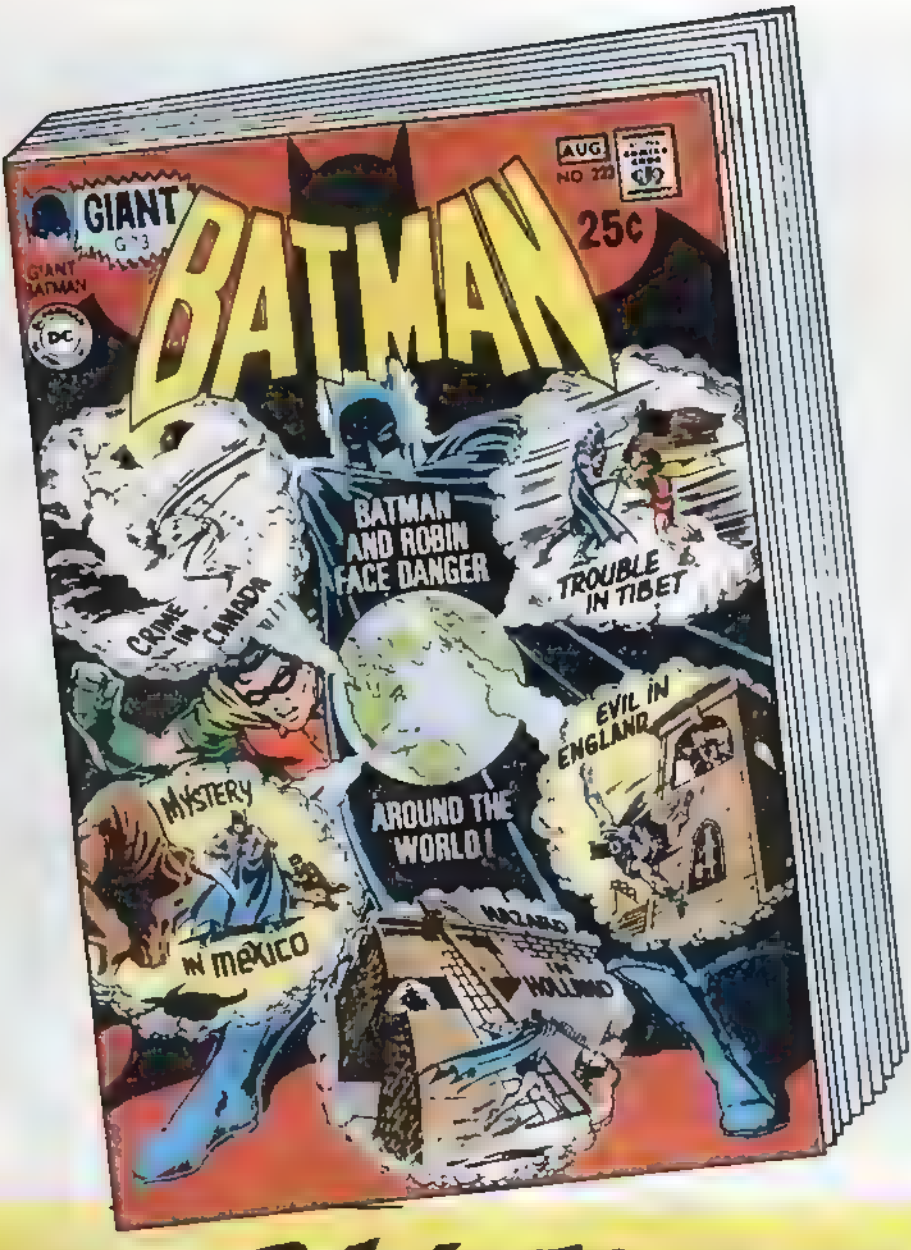
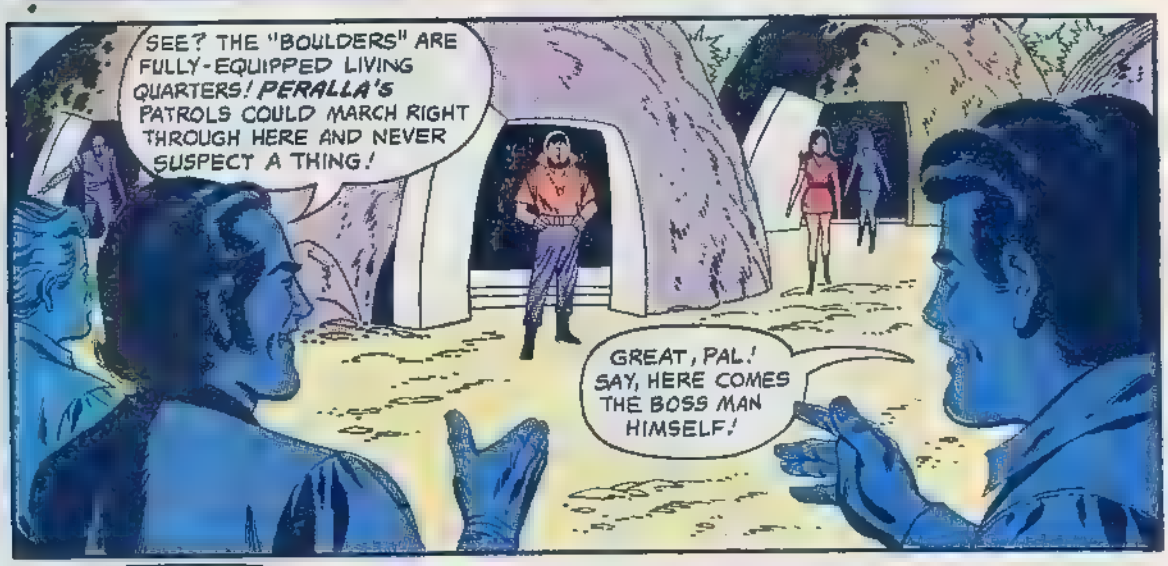
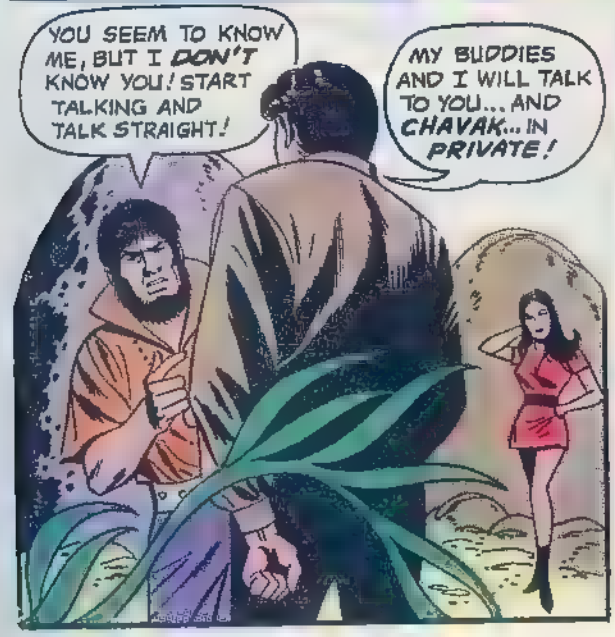


TAKE A DANGER-PACKED WORLD TOUR WITH BATMAN and ROBIN!

AT LAST...
WELL, HERE WE ARE!
THIS PLACE? WHERE'S THE CAMP?
YOU'RE IN IT, CHUM!


SEE? THE "BOULDERS" ARE FULLY-EQUIPPED LIVING QUARTERS! PERALLA'S PATROLS COULD MARCH RIGHT THROUGH HERE AND NEVER SUSPECT A THING!
GREAT, PAL! SAY, HERE COMES THE BOSS MAN HIMSELF!


YOU SEEM TO KNOW ME, BUT I DON'T KNOW YOU! START TALKING AND TALK STRAIGHT!
MY BUDDIES AND I WILL TALK TO YOU... AND CHAVAK... IN PRIVATE!

HOW ABOUT IT?
HE HAS THE SIGN OF THE DARK CIRCLE!
ALL RIGHT... COME TO MY QUARTERS!

INSIDE THE LARGEST OF THE FAKE "BOULDERS"...
NICE PLACE YOU HAVE HERE, MASRIN! IS THIS HOW YOU'VE SPENT THE MONEY OUR DARK CIRCLE LEADERS SENT YOU--ON CREATURE COMFORTS?
ONLY FOR ME! I DON'T CODDLE MY FOLLOWERS! THEIR QUARTERS ARE NOT NEARLY SO WELL FURNISHED!
BUT WE DO HAVE A GOOD POWER SOURCE... HIDDEN IN THE TREE OUTSIDE! IT CONTAINS A SUN-POWERED GENERATOR! METAL PLATES CAPTURE SUNLIGHT DURING THE DAY AND STORE THE POWER TO LIGHT OUR QUARTERS AND COOK OUR MEALS.
I'M SATISFIED! THE CIRCLE SENT US TO HELP PUT YOU IN POWER HERE!
GOOD! I WELCOME YOU!
CHAVAK! GO OUT AND KEEP WATCH WHILE I CONFER WITH OUR ALLIES!
BUT AS THE DISGUISED CHAMELEON BOY EMERGES..
CHAVAK! YOU HAVEN'T EVEN LOOKED AT ME SINCE YOU GOT BACK! YOU'VE BEEN NEGLECTING ME, HONEY!
OH-OH! IT'S CHAVAK'S GIRL FRIEND, YROA! THIS WILL REALLY TEST MY IMPERSONATION!
THE REVOLUTION COMES FIRST, SWEETS!
ALWAYS THE REVOLUTION! COME ON... GIVE ME A KISS! MMMM!
THE THINGS I GO THROUGH FOR THE LEGION! AND WHY DON'T I GET MORE ASSIGNMENTS LIKE THIS?
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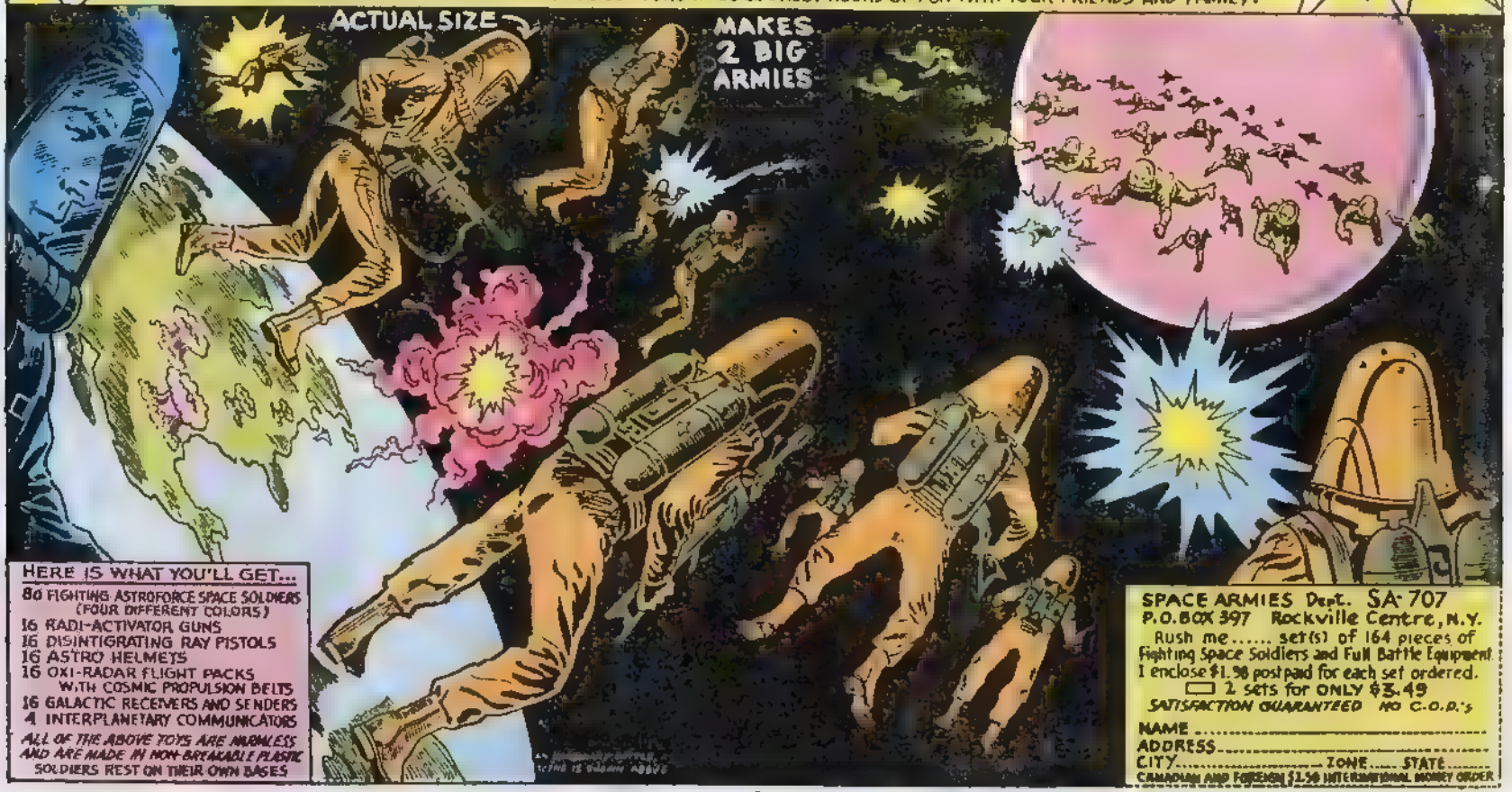

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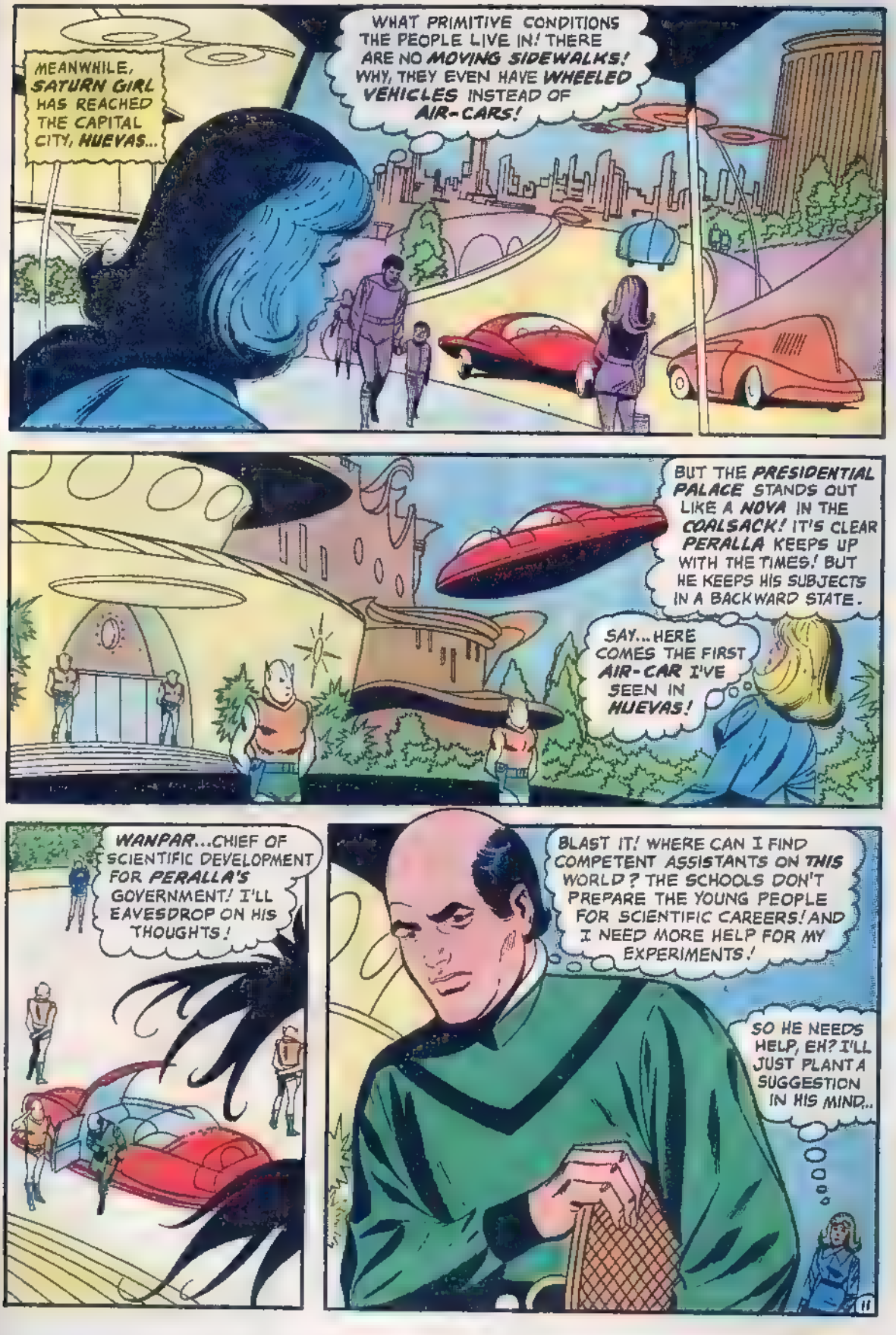
MEANWHILE, SATURN GIRL HAS REACHED THE CAPITAL CITY, HUEVAS...
WHAT PRIMITIVE CONDITIONS THE PEOPLE LIVE IN! THERE ARE NO MOVING SIDEWALKS! WHY, THEY EVEN HAVE WHEELED VEHICLES INSTEAD OF AIR-CARS!
BUT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE STANDS OUT LIKE A NOVA IN THE COALSACK! IT'S CLEAR PERALLA KEEPS UP WITH THE TIMES! BUT HE KEEPS HIS SUBJECTS IN A BACKWARD STATE.
SAY... HERE COMES THE FIRST AIR-CAR I'VE SEEN IN HUEVAS!
WANPAR... CHIEF OF SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT FOR PERALLA'S GOVERNMENT! I'LL EAVESDROP ON HIS THOUGHTS!
BLAST IT! WHERE CAN I FIND COMPETENT ASSISTANTS ON THIS WORLD? THE SCHOOLS DON'T PREPARE THE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR SCIENTIFIC CAREERS! AND I NEED MORE HELP FOR MY EXPERIMENTS!
SO HE NEEDS HELP, EH? I'LL JUST PLANT A SUGGESTION IN HIS MIND..
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AS SATURN GIRL USES HER THOUGHT-CASTING POWER ON THE SCIENTIST...
LOOK THIS WAY, WANPAR! YOU WILL CONSIDER ME FOR A JOB AS YOUR NEW ASSISTANT!
STRANGE.. WHAT IS IT ABOUT THAT GIRL THAT MAKES ME WANT TO SPEAK TO HER? SURELY SHE CAN'T BE A SCIENTIST... YET...
PARDON ME... YOU'RE A STRANGER HERE, AREN'T YOU?
YES, SIR. I'VE BEEN STUDYING CHEMISTRY AND RELATED SCIENCES ON MY HOME WORLD! I HOPED TO FIND A JOB HERE...
HMM... I MAY HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU! COME... MY LABORATORY IS IN ONE WING OF THE PALACE.
THANK YOU, SIR!
IT WORKED! I'M IN!
SIT IN ONE OF THOSE ANTI-GRAV CHAIRS! I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A FEW MINUTES.
YES, SIR!
IN ANOTHER ROOM, WANPAR CONFERS WITH A YOUNG WOMAN WHO ASSISTS HIM...
I WON'T HAVE TO!
THIS IS THE GIRL I'M CONSIDERING HIRING. I'D LIKE YOU TO CHECK HER OUT.
I ALREADY KNOW WHO SHE IS! I KNOW HER VERY WELL!
IS IT TRUE? HAS SATURN GIRL'S COVER BEEN BLOWN? WITHOUT HER HELP, CAN THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES LEARN THE SECRETS OF THE HUMANOIDS? ALL ANSWERS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF ACTION!
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MISTAKES IN "PUZZLE OF THE WILD WORLD"

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In our May issue, we published a story called "The Puzzle of the Wild World," and challenged the reader to find the mistakes in it. We said a list would appear in the next issue—and that was our first mistake. We goofed—and didn't get it in until this—the July issue.

For the other errors, let's start with the cover. Superman's "S" emblem is backwards, while Bizarro's, which should be backward, isn't. Superman wears his Clark Kent glasses, and Lois openly calls him Clark—his secret identity! Supie has long hair, though it actually doesn't grow under Earth's yellow sun. He was drawn with one of Flash's gloves on his left hand, but this glove is colored like a regular Superman sleeve. Lois and Superman are married—and riding in a red version of the Batmobile which Batman doesn't even use any more! It's being driven by Perry White, who wears Jimmy Olsen's bow-tie and smokes a pipe instead of a cigar. Jimmy wears a regular tie and is sleeping through all the excitement. His snoring sounds like the "zee-zee" signal from his supersonic watch, which he uses to call Superman. On the front of the Batmobile is the motto "Argo City or bust." But no car could drive to Argo City, where Supergirl was born, since it's in another solar system.

Speaking of Supergirl, she isn't wearing a cape, and her emblem, which has the colors reversed, is on the back of her blouse. Her "Kryptonite" bracelet should remove her powers and have other weird effects on her, since it has both Gold and Red K stones. If this is a ticker-tape parade, rather than a regular wedding reception, Bizarro is right to throw confetti instead of rice. But Supergirl shouldn't be throwing spaghetti! Moreover, Bizarro is talking perfect English!

Brainiac is wearing Mr. Mxyzptlk's costume, with a DC emblem on it. And he's acting friendly toward Superman—even has a sign marked "Villains for Superman!" Krypto is marked and colored like Streaky the Supercat. Cosmic Boy has six circles on his costume instead of four and his outfit is colored wrong—purple instead of pink. He also wears Colossal Boy's glove. Saturn Girl has a crescent moon instead of the planet Saturn on her blouse. On the telephone pole behind her, the one-way sign points straight up. And you should be able to see the pole past Saturn Girl's legs—but apparently it doesn't go all the way down!

. On page 1, Superman, who can't be scratched, has a Band-Aid on his shoulder. Aquaman is Alfred E. Neuman. Batman has the Atom's insigma, lacks one glove, wears a "Joker for President" button, and his eyes can be seen through the eye-holes in his cowl. Green Lantern is Jimmy Olsen, who has gold and yellow on his costume—but GL's power-ring won't work on anything yellow, so no part of his costume should be that color. The Flash has Hawkman's helmet wings and Lightning Lad's emblem. Wonder Woman is wearing her old costume—the one she discarded when she lost her powers. But the star on her tiara is missing.

There is no background in the picture, yet a heart is carved there, with a knife still sticking in it. And the inside of the heart should be the same color as the outside, but isn't. At the heroes' feet is a tiny elephant, magenta in color. A newspaper has the headline: NAPOLEON DEFEATS GRANT AT IWO JIMA.

On page 2, panel 2, the ocean is white, and the astronauts say that every continent is a different color. But Mexico and Central America, which are not a continent, are a separate color, and so is another non-continent, Greenland. In panel 4, Superman looks as he does on the cover, while Lois has a weird "Tiny Tim" hairdo. They stand atop the Daily Planet globe, which looks different from the one we know—for instance, the letters "daily planet" are in lower-case letters instead of capitals. In panel 5, Lois says she has to break her engagement to Sgt. Rock, whom she's never met; and she knows Superman's secret identity. In panel 6, she uses an umbrella for a parachute, a la Mary Poppins. And she is literally counting the minutes till Superman returns.

On page 3, panel 1, Mr. Mxyzptlk is dressed in a different outfit and speaks like a Bizarro. He says he's been in the 5th dimension 70 days—but he can actually return to Earth only 90 days after he goes to his world. In the background is Disneyland, which should not be near Metropolis. And Mxyzptlk calls Superman his friend instead of his foe. In panel 2, the imp's shirt cuff has turned blue. Bizarro turns up and speaks correctly, as on the cover. In panel 4, Bizarro wears Batman's utility belt and claims Superman teamed up with the Frito Bandido. Mxyzptlk's face is white. And Wonder Woman, in her old costume, is swimming through the air—only she's wearing boots instead of the sandals she wore on page 1. In panel 5, a missile is being fired down into the ground instead of up into space.

On page 4 (aside from the goofs noted on the cover), Jimmy Olsen enters Perry's office by sliding down a fire pole. Perry, instead of Commissioner Gordon, calls Batman on the Hot-Line. In panel 1, the phone cord is yellow; in panel 2, it's red. But Perry's tie has changed color, too, and his pipe-bowl is upside-down. Batman's ear pokes through his cowl—but the ear is blue. Then Supergirl crashes through a wall—she says to destroy concrete-eating termites (but termites eat wood) which she spotted with her heat vision (she should have used her X-ray vision). Her Kryptonite bracelet is Gold K (but marked "Green K") in panel 3, Green K in panel 4. She says she has a gift from Superman's parents, Jor-El and Lara, who both died when Krypton was destroyed. And the gift is made of Kryptonite, which is deadly to all Kryptonians. The label on Supergirl's bracelet

changes from white to green. Jimmy calls Perry "Chef" instead of "Chief." And Batman has to get a real Major from a U.S.O. (instead of Army or Air Force) base to give his car a major overhaul.

In the next sequence, we find Sgt. Rock still fighting World War II—and he's fighting the Japanese, when he should be in the European theater, as he is in OUR ARMY AT WAR. There is an absurd reference to a masked man giving the Japanese silver bullets. Little Sure-Shot is called Little Half-Shot, and Ice-Cream Soldier, who wears an ice-bag instead of his helmet, is called Ice-Bag Soldier. The letter to Rock from Lois is addressed in care of "Letters to Laugh-In, Burbank, Calif." Rock calls off the war while he goes to fight Superman for Lois—and he uses a megaphone with the MAD Magazine logo on it. Among the soldiers are men wearing Revolutionary and Civil War uniforms. Also, Prof. Nurd, who appears later in the story, is here in a G.I. outfit. Rock goes back to the U.S. in Wonder Woman's Robot Plane, which he got from a used-car dealer. And he uses her old greeting of "Hola" as a magic word to start the plane. Enemy Ace's triplane is seen in the sky, and the soldiers declare that, on that remote island, they will watch reruns of combat on TV till Rock gets back.

On Page 6, Superman comes face-to-face with the weirdo Lois, who has added to her "Tiny Tim" hairdo his ukulele and his manner of throwing kisses. She examines Superman's eyes and declares they don't match. She shows him a billboard on which is a giant marriage license for them—with his name given as Clark (Superman) Kent—thus giving away his identity. A radio flash comes over a lamp, while Lois combs her hair with both hands at once. Then we see a kid surfing—in mid-air.

Page 7 shows us Luthor—with a shock of hair which grows when he gets excited. We know he should be bald. He also dresses like a hippie here. Brainiac looks as he does on the cover, except the DC emblem is placed differently, and is black instead of red. Also, his left arm is yellow in panel 1 and brown in panel 5. These villains claim to be Superman's pals, and they show him pardons signed by him. There's also an odd-looking bird in panel 3—instead of having a normal beak, it has a mouth in its neck.

Then, on page 8, the two give Superman a weird beast as a wedding present—and they claim that among its talents is the ability to read shorthand. We see the Eiffel Tower in Metropolis. Rock tries to clobber Supie with chocolate syrup—and as it drips off him, it forms into chocolate bars. Prof. Nurd is looking out a window in panel 3. Panel 5 shows Ma and Pa Kent on a see-saw, on a building roof.

On page 9, Krypto appears, looking Streaky-ish, as on the cover. He uses a fossil skeleton to make a "bone-sculpture" of a bride and groom -at least, that's what Lois says the things are, though they only look like crude bone figures to us, with nothing to identify them as bride and groom

Page 10 shows Mr. Mxyzptlk vanishing into his dimension for, he says 50 days—previously, he said he'd been gone for 70. Then we see a watermelon with arms, legs and swim fins swimming through the air, right behind a kid on a tricycle. Next, Rock tries to blast Superman with brussels sprouts from a "sprout and radish bazooka." It's never explained how Rock managed to ditch his 'copter while it was hovering high over Metropolis. A moment later, Bizarro gives Supie a wedding present—a bag of brussels sprouts marked "Do not open till Groundhog Day."

On the next page, three Legionnaires show up in a "time-square" instead of a time-sphere. Saturn Girl and Cosmic Boy look as they do on the cover, except Cos is almost colored correctly. Lightning Lad has the Flash's insignia. And these Super-Heroes seem happy at the prospect of ruining Superman's marriage. They show him a newspaper dated one year from then, showing Lois will misplace Superman's costume and he'll keep out of sight from embarrassment. We don't believe she really has "the brains of a cucumber," or that Superman would have only one suit.

Then Lois uses a super-dart-gun invented by Jimmy Olsen to make the Heroes vanish for one hour—and she mentions a non-existent Legionnaire Cookie-Drive. As she brushes her hair, the mirror shows Batgirl combing hers. As Prof Nurd peeps in from outside the building (where is he standing?) Rock hits Superman with 3-day-old garbage. Lois' only reaction is to remark that the trash doesn't go out until Wednesday.

Rock then says Superman must be immune to his three weaknesses—chocolate syrup, brussels sprouts and 3-day-old garbage. He advises the Man of Steel to feed Lois' hair once a week. Lois insists the garbage is six days old—but how can she tell? When Rock steps out the window and finds the Robot Plane isn't there, Superman doesn't try to save him. And we see a poster show Clark Kent pointing at the viewer, with the Presidential Seal behind him, and the phrase: "Your President likes to point." Clark—the President?

When the other Superman heads back to his whacky world, we see more clearly that he has a Flash glove (which was colored wrong on page 2—thought we missed that one, didn't you?) The cover scene is repeated with some odd changes—Lightning Lad is present, the lettering on the "One Way" sign is different, Brainiac's sign is white instead of yellow, and Supergirl's emblem is on her front instead of her back. Also, the label on her Kryptonite bracelet says "Green K" instead of "24 K Kryptonite." And now Bizarro throws rice, not confetti.

If you found anything we missed, congrats on your sharp eyesight—you must have microscopic vision! (Sorry we had to cut the letter page this issue. It will be back in the August issue.)

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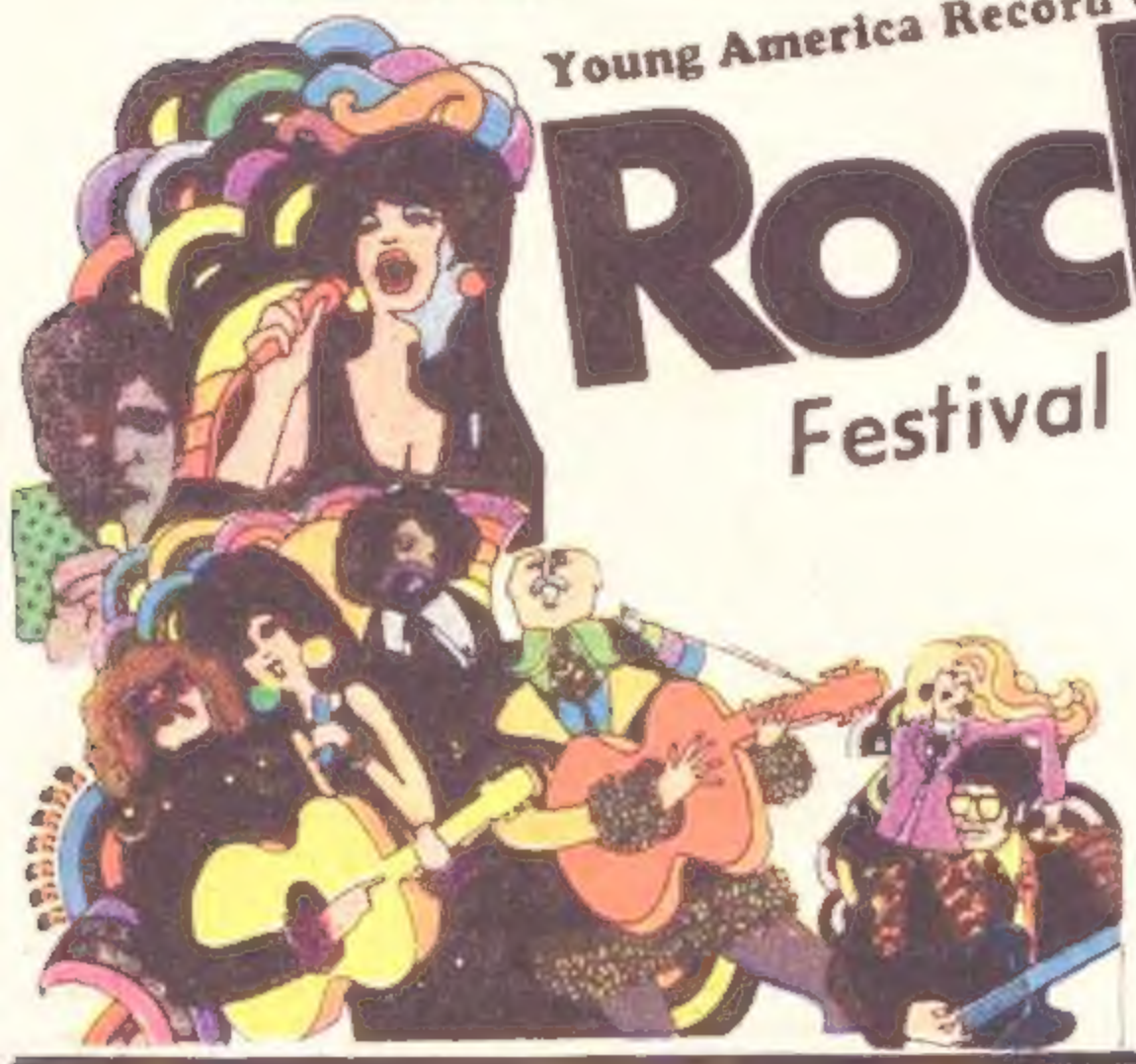

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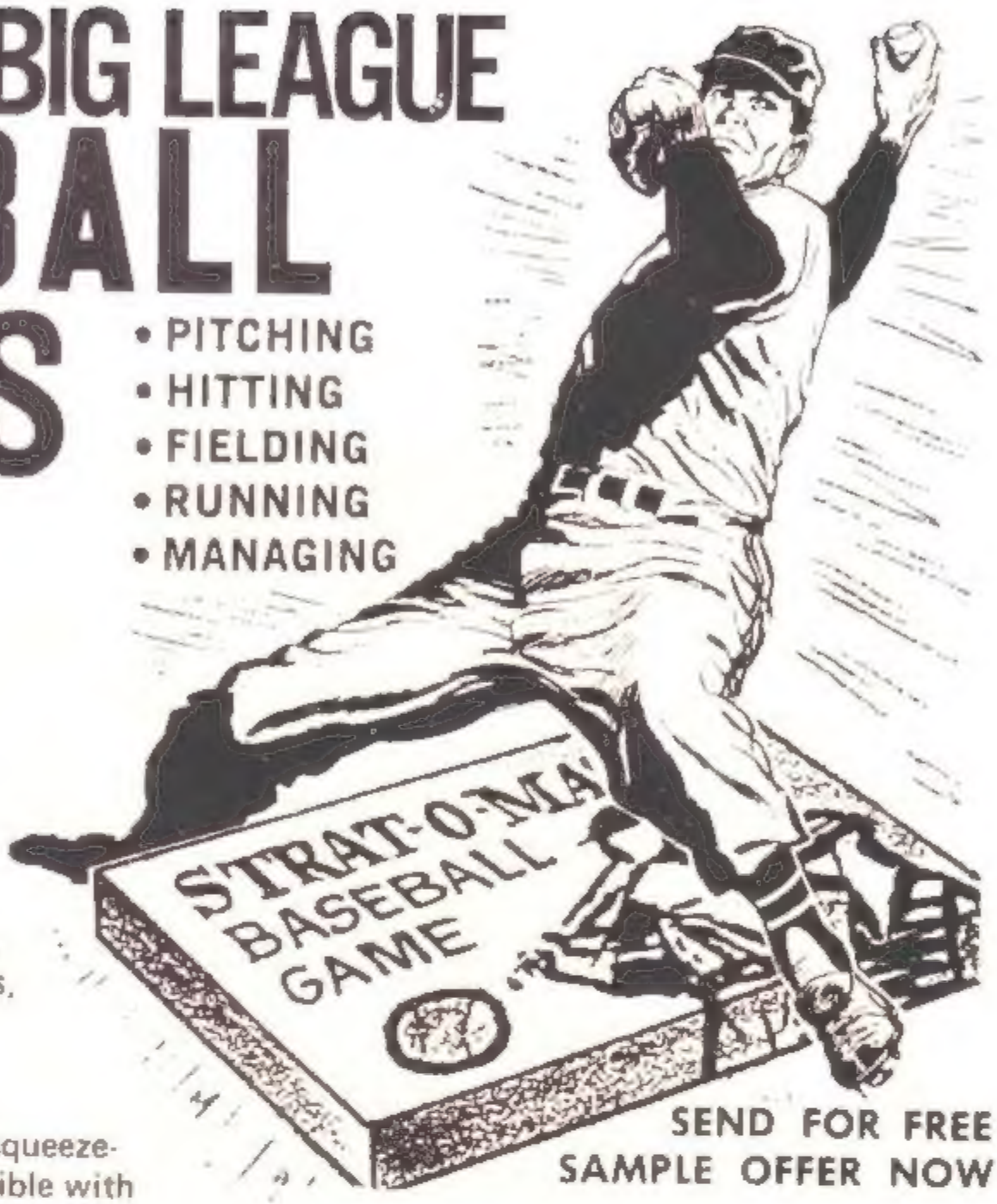

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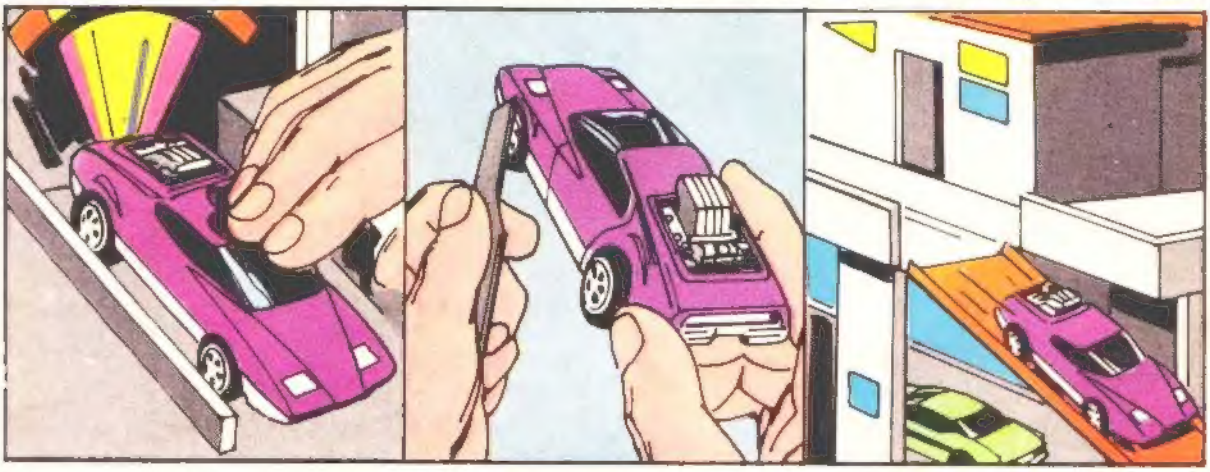

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